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JAPANESE TRADE MONOPOLY AT HANKOW: OUTSPOKEN COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN AT MEETING OF BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local Transactions Hampered By Arbitrary Allotment Of Permits

Tribute To Late Founder Of Chinese Republic

General Wu Te-chen, former Governor of Kwangtung and now Minister for Overseas Affairs of the Central Party Headquarters, yesterday sent the following letter to Madame Sun Yat-sen on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the passing of the Founder of the Chinese Republic.

"Today the fiftieth anniversary of the demise of the illustrious Dr. Sun Yat-sen, allow me to join in mental communion with you and the Party in reflecting upon the lofty altruistic ambitions and noble epoch-making achievements of one whom it was our privilege to know intimately and hence to follow closely, and knowing and following, to love devotedly and to admire wondrously.

"It must have been fifteen years after his birth that his early eyes beheld the vision of a free and unshackled China, a happy and contented people, and now, fifteen years after his death, his heavenly eyes are seeing with approval his loving and devoted children dedicating their lives, their homes, and their fortunes to that his and their wishes may be fulfilled.

"Sun Chung-shan, father of the people, our memories shall not fade and wither with the passing of the years but will bloom and freshen with the growth of the new China.

"Although he has parted from us, his spirit will always remain to be our guidance."

HANKOW, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Outspoken comments on the Japanese monopoly of trade in Hankow were made by Mr. V. A. Mason in his report as Chairman at the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce.

"Imports," he said, "have been of every description of cargo that could be manufactured in Japan or of items of foreign manufacture for which Japanese concerns are agents."

The claim that imports were strictly limited to military necessities early became insupportable.

Most of the imports came direct from Japan allegedly by military transport, and with the Customs paralysed by separation from its administrative centre by lack of authority, it was not supposed that the ordinary Customs formalities were complied with.

"The incident of haste to grab while the grabbing was good appears to have resulted in a reorganisation of stocks to the satisfaction of business and it is doubtful if the present profits in military currency is any advantage to the foreign currency needs of Japan."

Mr. Mason declared: "The manner of export business is also not encouraging to British interests."

"The same fables have been told about military necessity as in the case of imports. Yet commodities of all sorts have been shipped in goodly quantities.

Wood, oil, ramie, cotton, gall nuts, hides, skins, eggs, tea and sundry cargoes have all gone forward nor have all those commodities been destined exclusively for Japan Proper.

NO FOREIGN TRADE

"Apart from the privileged shipment of ramie on the German Government account, and wood oil on the American account, no foreign trade other than the Japanese has been recorded."

"Purely local transactions, as between third-party nationals, have been hampered or obstructed."

"YANGTSE RE-OPENING"

Special to H.K. Daily Press SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Havas)—That despite the re-opening of the Yangtse, the whole of business will remain in Japanese hands or under Japanese control, was pointed out in a private interview with a prominent Japanese banker here today.

It was further emphasised that foreigners will remain banned from the entire river shipping business.

On the other hand, a British firm, which sent an observer to various places along the Yangtse, reported that all precautions have been taken to ensure that Japanese firms have virtual trade monopoly.

German firms were informed that they would not enjoy any better treatment than any other foreign concern.

"YANGTSE TIMBER CO."

Special to H.K. Daily Press SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Havas)—A new Japanese-controlled concern, "Yangtse Timber Company," will shortly be established in Shanghai. It is reliably reported. This firm will aim at controlling the Shanghai timber trade.

"I did not realise the strength of my fingers and did not know the degree of strength I used!"

Thus declared HUI YUK-MAN, 20-year-old dockyard blacksmith, who, charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with murdering, by strangulation, seven-year-old LI PING-FAI on the hillside above the Kennedy Road revolver range on December 31, stated that he was merely playing with the boy, whom he had no intention of killing.

Hui, who was in the witness-box for a long time, described how he and the boy had gone to the hillside to hunt for jumping spiders and how he later playfully held the boy by the neck without realising, at the time, that he could kill him.

At one stage of his evidence, accused, whose former susceptibility to epileptic fits was attested to by his foster mother, told the court that he had played at hanging himself. He had experimented on the strength of ropes by hanging himself by the neck from the branches of trees, he said.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, is hearing the case, which will be continued this morning. Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECLINED TO FORWARD SOVIET TERMS TO FINLAND: MAISKY'S VISIT TO MR. BUTLER NOW REVEALED

INDEPENDENCE OF CHINA

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Replying to Mr. Arthur Henderson in the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that it remained the policy of the British Government that the independence of China should be preserved.

AXIS PEACE PLAN FOR WELLES?

Special to H.K. Daily Press COPENHAGEN, March 11 (Havas)—Berlingske Tidende reports that Herr von Ribbentrop, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano are elaborating on a peace plan to be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles before his departure for the United States.

NO VIEWS EXPRESSED

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Asked if there was any truth in the report that he said, while in Paris, that the Allies would have some trouble in beating Germany, Mr. Sumner Welles said: "I say with emphasis that at no point of the tour have I expressed any personal views to friends or to individuals who are not my friends."

Mr. Welles stated that it was entirely up to President Roosevelt whether his report will be published.

He stated that he planned to leave London on Thursday and go to Rome, via Paris, and have second meetings with Count Ciano and Signor Mussolini and then sail from Naples on March 18 or 19.

Mr. Welles said that the memorandum on the American economic policy which he presented to M. Reynaud, French Finance Minister, had also been presented by him to the other Governments he visited.

RECEIVED BY THE KING

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles was received in audience by the King after seeing Lord Halifax this morning. He later called on Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Tonight, he is attending a dinner given by Lord Halifax at which Cabinet members and Leaders of the Opposition will be present.

It is understood that Mr. Welles may also meet Dr. E. Beneš, Czechoslovakian statesman.

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Sweden Approached At Same Time

LONDON, MAR. 11 (REUTER)—IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON THAT THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR, M. MAISKY, SAW MR. R. A. BUTLER, FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY, ON FEBRUARY 22 AND INVITED BRITAIN TO PASS ON THE TERMS TO THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT.

IT APPEARS THAT ON THE SAME DATE THE SOVIET MADE AN APPROACH TO SWEDEN WITH SIMILAR TERMS FOR SUBMISSION TO FINLAND.

In the opinion of the British Government these terms were of such an extreme and over-reaching nature as to leave Finland in a completely desperate and hopeless plight. The British Government accordingly refused to pass them on.

Sweden, in fact, passed on the terms and apparently urged their consideration.

The terms are stated to involve cession of all territory covering Ladoga, including Viborg and other towns, the whole of the Karelian Isthmus, all islands in the Gulf of Finland now occupied by Soviet forces, the western half of Rivaichi Peninsula and lease of Hango as a Russian base.

No compensating factors, either territorially or commercial, were outlined in the terms.

The terms now presented to the Finnish delegation in Moscow are understood to be virtually the same as those in which the British Government declined to have any part.

ALLIES WILLING

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—A denial is given in authoritative quarters to the suggestion that Sweden has agreed to the transit of munitions and troops provided Allied assistance to Finland was of a decisive character.

It is understood that it had been made very clear to Sweden that the Allies are willing to give

increased assistance to Finland provided facilities for transport are afforded by the Swedish Government but no indication has yet been received of any modification in the Swedish attitude.

FINNISH DENIAL

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Finnish Legation here denies that the Soviet peace proposals have been accepted.

It is understood here that definite news of the Russo-Finnish peace negotiations may be expected either tonight or tomorrow.

CONTRADICTION REPORTS

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Contradictory reports come in from Stockholm regarding the Finnish delegation in Moscow. Some say that the delegation is now on its way home while others declared that all members of the delegation are still in the Soviet capital.

PEACE PROSPECTS

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The prospects of a peace settlement being reached between Russia and Finland within the next 24 hours, or less, appear here this afternoon to be very likely.

THE VIBORG BATTLE, WHICH IS STILL RAGING, may rank as one of the most extraordinary in military history, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

From the topographical viewpoint alone, nothing like it has ever happened before. Ice, both in Viborg Bay and Lake Visoksi, has been fully exploited by both sides.

The Russians have occupied a number of islands in Viborg Bay but unless they can establish heavy batteries there the advantage is doubtful, especially if thaw sets in and they are cut off from reinforcements and supplies.

Even if thaw is delayed, reports indicate that the strongest ice will not stand the strain of massed tank attacks when these encounter opposition from heavy artillery and bombing planes.

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NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR

CAPETOWN, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that 48 prisoners of war from a scuttled German steamer and five cot cases from the River Plate battle were landed at Capetown.

The names of eight more prisoners taken from U-boats were broadcast to Germany this week-end, their ages ranging from 20 to 27.—(BWS).

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M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in London.

"Important Diplomatic Victory In Italy"

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—According to the Rome correspondent of the New York Times, Britain's decision to release the Italian coal ships "has cut the ground from under Herr von Ribbentrop's feet."

The same newspaper's leading article says: "Rarely has there been a diplomatic visit that started with such dramatic possibilities and collapsed so thoroughly before it had hardly got under way."

"The Allies have won an important diplomatic victory in Italy," the article concludes.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

LONDON, Mar. 11 (BWS)—Today's press comment on the British Government's decision to release the cargoes of German coal on thirteen Italian ships, detained under the reprisals Order-in-Council, is in tune with the approving note struck in the Sunday press.

The sole dissentient voice is the news-Chronicle which fears the concession which the British Government freely made on discovery that the Italians had been acting in good faith on a genuine misapprehension may be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

The Times puts the matter in quite a different light emphasising the agreement leaves the policy of the November Order-in-Council uncompromised.

It points out there were two points at issue. "The first point was of principle—that German exports

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EXTERMINATION OF DRUG EVIL THIS YEAR

In an order to the Ministry of Interior, the Executive Yuan draws attention to the fact that the six-year opium suppression period fixed by the National Government draws to a close this year and that all drug addicts regardless of sex and age must be cured of their habit before the prescribed time limit.

It is emphasised that the Government is determined to stamp out all drug evils throughout the country within the current year, and that it will not countenance any pretext by any person for not strictly observing the opium suppression regulations, says a Central News message from Chungking.

Strangulation Of Boy On Hillside Above Kennedy Road: "I Did Not Realise The Strength Of My Fingers,"

VICEROY THANKS PRINCES

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, opening the session of the Chamber of Princes, expressed deep appreciation of the offers of personal service and resources made by the Princes.

The Viceroy emphasised that the war had not modified in any way the view of the British Government regarding the necessity of securing Indian unity.

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SHAN CHIEFS AID WAR COST

RANGOON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Federal Council of Shan Chiefs has contributed \$40,000 towards the cost of the war. Individual contributions from the States have raised the total to \$60,000.

The French official War communiqué states: "Nothing to report."—(BWS).

In the World of Sports

ROYAL ENGINEERS WIN ARMY RUGGER SEVENS TOURNEY 9-3: EVENLY CONTESTED FINAL WITH ROYALS AT VALLEY

Amazing Speed By Waite And Birrell For Sappers BY FLY-HALF

Speed and more speed by Waite and Birrell, of the Royal Engineers, proved the downfall of the Royal Scots when these two teams clashed in the final of the Army Seven-a-side Rugger Tourney at the Valley yesterday resulting in a win for the former by three tries (9 points) to a try (3 points).

Both teams were evenly matched and as a result, some very good rugger was seen. Outstanding for the Engineers were Birrell and Waite who time and again covered invaluable ground by their speed.

Foley, at back, also gave a grand display—his handling was exceptionally good and his kicking to touch was at times beautiful. The forwards played hard and tackled well.

The Royals' only weakness lay in their lack of speed—outside of that they were worthy opponents of the victors. Gibson, at back, was brilliant at times—he possessed fine defensive tactics and stopped the Engineers from scoring more than once. Both Miller and Cuthbertson played a sterling game and the try by Miller was beautiful.

GOOD MOVEMENT

In the first half exchanges were fairly even the ball travelling from one end to the other. Following a good movement initiated by Waite, Birrell broke through the

Royals defence to register the first try, but was unsuccessful with the kick. Despite determined efforts on the part of the Royals to equalise the sappers back division managed to hold out till the whistle for the first half.

Immediately on resumption of play, the Engineers applied pressure and from a good pass by Artingstall, Birrell again scored but failed with his kick. With the score standing at 6-0 in favour of the Engineers, the Royals now came into the picture with some good forward play and from a loose, Miller got possession of the ball to go through the Engineers' defence for one of the best tries in the afternoon. Gibson failed to convert.

Interest in the game was heightened with each side making valiant efforts to snatch victory from the other. Speed—this factor which proved on innumerable occasions to be the winning "stroke" now came into the picture in the form of Waite and Birrell who time and again covered much territory by their fleetness of foot.

DESPERATE RALLYING

With the Royals rallying desperately to equalise, the Engineers clinched the issue when, following some excellent passing between Waite and Foley, the latter managed to cross over for the last try of the afternoon. The game ended with no more scoring thus leaving the Engineers worthy winners in an evenly contested final.

Royal Scots: 2/Lt. D. G. Gibson; 2/Lt. Ford and 2/Lt. Pinkerton; L/Cpl. Grace; 2/Lt. Miller, Cpl. Sutherland and 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (Capt.).

Royal Engineers: Spr. Foley; Spr. Artingstall; L/Cpl. Birrell; L/Cpl. Waite (Capt.); L/Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Sheldrake and L/Cpl. Apperly.

QUALIFYING ROUND

In the qualifying round for the Adamson Cup, played between Mar. 1 and 10 at Happy Valley, T. J. Price qualified with a score of 77-9-68.

The Bogey Par Pool on the Old Course at Fanling fixed for Mar. 9 and 10, is cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (Weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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COLONY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Umetani Defeats S. A. Hussain

O. Umetani, former Japanese ranking player, beat S. A. Hussain in the open Singles of the Colony tennis tournament yesterday by 9-7, 6-2.

There was a large crowd out to watch the game and they were well rewarded. Both players gave of their best and revealed a high standard of play in which clever placing on the part of Hussain and hard, accurate back-hand strokes by Umetani were the main features.

The Japanese appeared rather nervous at first and Hussain was leading five-love before the newcomer began to get into his stride. Umetani then steadily brought the games up to five-all and eventually it ran to seven-all before the Japanese was able to win two games in succession and gain the set.

CLEVER PLACING

Hussain, frequently defeated the Japanese on his hard service. His placing too was clever but his wind failed and after leading two-love in the second set, he began to weaken rapidly eventually crumbling up badly to let the Japanese draw away and win in comparatively easy style.

Should Umetani defeat Lt. J. S. Theobald, the next opponent he must meet who surprisingly received a "walk over" from Paul Kong, the veteran Davis Cup player, he will have to meet both H. D. Rumljahn and S. A. Rumljahn before finding his way to the final.

It is a question, however, whether he would be able to beat either of the Rumljahns cousins, but there is always an element of luck in all sport and whatever the result of the Rumljahns-Umetani games would be, they should certainly produce some excellent tennis and be well worth watching.

FULL RESULTS

Following are the full results of yesterday's play in the Colony championships:

OPEN SINGLES

O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.

Marshall Ma beat A. R. Kitchell 11-9, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

L. M. S. Lloyd (-2/6) beat H. D. Eldwell (-2/6) 8-6, 9-7.

Lt. J. S. Theobald beat V. R. Gordon 11-9, 3-6, 6-3.

Club Handicap Doubles

A. Lade and G. W. Sewell (-5/6) beat M. Pugh and E. Zulaur (-30/1) 8-5, 6-3.

W. G. Harvey and Dr. A. H. Barwell (scr.) beat C. C. and C. H. Stark (plus 3/8) 6-4, 6-1.

The Open Doubles game between Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai fan Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, and J. J. Ferguson was postponed.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Singles—J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U.

Open Doubles—Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; J. Gonssalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and Dick Szeto.

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Open Singles—J. W. Leonard v. Omar Rumljahn; T. A. Pearce v. R. G. Blesel, Jr.

Open Doubles—Dew Shing-cheong and Ip Koon-hung v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.

THURSDAY

Open Doubles—Lee Hwa-kek and J. W. Leonard v. S. A. Rumljahn and H. D. Rumljahn.

FRIDAY

Open Doubles—Pang Oi-lan and Tsung Ping-chiu v. J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet.

"SAINTS" REWARDED

Southampton 2-2 Portsmouth 1-0. Soundness in defence gave Portsmouth a clean score sheet at the interval, but constant pressure by the Southampton forwards eventually had its reward.

The turning point in the game came when G. H. Hargrave, harassed by swarming "Saints", turned the ball into his own goal. Briggs, active and enterprising leader of the home attack, later crowned a good afternoon's work by increasing the lead.



The mile race in progress during the University sports on Saturday. The winner, W. W. Abraham, can be seen in the back fourth from the left.

ORIENT FAIL AT HOME

Clapton Orient ... 1 Millwall ... 2. Orient fell away after the interval and were lucky that the margin against them was not greater.

The Millwall forwards, who swung the ball about with great effect, missed many chances in the second half. Orient, on the other hand, kept the ball too close and were outplayed for long spells.

Astley was prominent in the early stages, but he had little support. A great deal of credit must go to Taylor and Rumbold, the Orient backs, who were overworked when Millwall gained control.

Millwall went ahead in the opening minutes through McLeod, but within eight minutes of the start, Astley equalised after a brilliant solo spurt.

J. R. Smith made many openings after the interval, and he was easily the most outstanding forward of the match. The winning goal was scored by Jinks, who beat Hall following a corner. BRENTFORD LUCKY TO DRAW.

Boscombe ... 2 Brentford ... 2. A lucky goal scored by Brentford a few minutes from time gave them a point they hardly deserved.

Strangely enough, the goal was practically a "gift" presented by the star of the match—Boscombe's keeper, Bird. He fumbled a long, bouncing ball and James had the easiest of tasks in equalising.

Both sides put all they knew into the game for the whole 90 minutes, and there were many stoppages for infringements—due mostly to over-keenness.

Gorman, the Brentford right back, was injured and played at outside left in the second half. Boscombe's best, Kirkham, just before the finish, and right on time Sanaghan (Boscombe) and Holliday (Brentford) were sent off the field.

Brentford began at a cracking pace and Holliday scored within a few minutes of the start. Boscombe hit back, and after Kirkham had equalised from a penalty they went ahead through McDonald.

Boscombe's defence was sound in face of the smart Brentford attack, in which Manley and Smith were outstanding. The "Bees" are the first team to take three points from Boscombe since the introduction of Regional football.

and S/Lt. Kennedy; A. N. Other; L. S. A. Palmer; S. B. A. Addis and A. B. Longmuir.

The second round matches will be decided tomorrow and the final on Saturday. Proceed are in aid of the B.W.O.F.

BLARNEY STONE SHIELD HOLDERS GIVEN CLOSE FIGHT BY SMALL UNITS

Police "A" Enter Second Round By Narrow Win

IN IDEAL WEATHER AND BEFORE A FAIRLY LARGE CROWD, POLICE "A" HOLDERS OF THE BLARNEY STONE SHIELD, SECURED ENTRY INTO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE COMPETITION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMBINED SMALL UNITS WHO GAVE THE CHAMPIONS A CLOSE FIGHT TO LOSE BY A PENALTY GOAL (3 POINTS) AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY.

Other teams to record wins were the 5th A.A. "A", Civil Service, Hongkong Police "B" and Hongkong Bank.

The best rugger of the afternoon was undoubtedly served up by the Hongkong Bank who overwhelmed their opponents, Tamar and Small Ships "B", by superior play to win by 19 points to nil. In this game, D. G. Day was brilliant with some magnificent running and tricky play. He scored the first try for his side by a wonderful first run to leave the Navy defenders far back in the field. Atkinsonhead was also conspicuous with some good passing and defensive play.

Police "A": D. H. Taylor; B. C. Fay and G. S. Wilson; J. R. M. Wall; C. Wright-Nooth; P. J. Cullinan and S. Innis.

Combined Small Units: Pte. MacDonald (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Willis (R. Signals); Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Morgan (R. Signals); Lt. Crawford (R. Signals); L/C Bedford (R. Signals) and Sgt. Harrington (R.A.M.C.).

5th A.A. Regt. "A": Giblin; Mulligan and 2/Lt. Banner; Gnr. Sutcliffe; Gnr. Clarke; Gnr. Mullin and Capt. Mills.

Royal Scots "B": Lt. Ridsdale; Fairley and Pte. Oddy; L/Cpl. Loughran; Sgt. Pursey; L/Cpl. Coombe and L/Cpl. Lane.

Civil Service: J. C. Charter; C. G. Trésider and G. H. Fowler; T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; A. J. G. Taylor and B. Hynes.

Club "B": H. Hopkins; R. M. Lavalle and H. van Leeuwen; G. Carey; P. F. Wanklyn; K. W. Salter and W. Stoker.

Hongkong Police "B": W. Jackson; Dempsey and N. Reynolds; Leslie; Rose; L. A. Searle and B. Wheeler.

Talkoo: J. M. Matthews; J. Hutchison and G. B. Godfrey; R. Rutherford; I. Macrae; R. G. Castleton and J. B. Collis.

Hongkong Bank: G. G. Atkinsonhead; M. G. Carruthers and D. G. Day; A. H. R. Butcher; P. Thompson; J. S. Dunnett and A. M. Kennedy.

Tamar and Small Ships "B": Ldg. Wtr. Barlow; Tel. Bowden.

Results of the matches were as follows:

Hongkong Police "A" (Holders) beat Combined Small Units 3-0; 5th A.A. Regt. "A" beat Royal Scots "B" 6-0; Civil Service beat Club "B" 8-0; Hongkong Police "B" beat Talkoo 8-5; Hongkong Bank beat Tamar & Small Ships "B" 19-0.

THE TEAMS. The team were as follows:

WOODERSON BEATS THE FIELD.

S. C. Wooderson, the famous miler, finished first in a field of 57 starters in the 74-miles mob match at Petersham. Blackheath Harriers, his club, beat a combined team of the three clubs, Ranelagh, Orion, and South London Harriers.

The 10-miles invitation road walk organised by Belgrave Harriers at Wimbledon provided another success for H. G. Churcher, of the promoting club, who has been unbeaten in this class of event for three seasons.

Belgrave Harriers beat a strong Thames Hare and Hounds team by 44 points to 68 at Wimbledon in their return cross-country match.

C. H. Ballard (Bexhill A.A.C.) won the 7-miles cross-country race at Patcham, which was held by Sussex County A.A.A. to take the place of the usual county championship.

Winchley Harriers 7-miles race at Basing was won by M. T. Forde in 35min. 25sec. and he also had the best handicap time, his allowance being 34 min.



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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

12—Tides: High 11 a.m. and 11.31

p.m. Low 5.44 a.m. and 5.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.35 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

H. K. Land Investment and

Agency Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg. noon.

H.K. Iron Mining Co. Ltd. Annual

Mtg., Jardine, Matheson & Co. 12.15

p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg. 1

p.m.

Urban Council Mtg. 4.15 p.m.

H.K. Branch of English Assn. 5.30

p.m.

Catholic Cathedral: Thanksgiving

Service, 5.30 p.m.

S. & S. Home: Prayer and Fellow-

ship Mtg. 8.30 p.m.

Debate at H.K. University, Union

Assembly Room, 5.15 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall: Bridge

and Mahjong Drive by Police

Branch of M.C.L. 3 p.m.

Ladies Golf: Spring Meeting.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge Class 10 a.m.; An-

nual Meeting 5.45 p.m.; Badminton

(evening).

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

H.K. Singers' Concert, Great Hall,

H.K. University, 9.30 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Health Exercises for Chi-

nese Women commence.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 9 p.m.

Lawn Tennis Championships con-

tinued.

Public Roup of Pong, Jockey Club

Paddock, 5.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Women's Guild, 10.30

a.m.; Mothers' Union, 3 p.m.

Soldiers' Guild of St. George, Fort-

nightly Mtg., Scandal Point Hall, 7.30

p.m.

H.K. Union Church, Court

of Management Mtg., at Linstead, and

Davis Office, 5.30 p.m.

Christ Church Council Mtg. at

Vicars 8 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club Peninsula

Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House,

5.30 p.m.

St. Teresa's Youth, Annual Mtg.,

8.45 p.m.

13—Tides: High 11.20 a.m. and

11.54 p.m. Low 5.28 a.m. and 6.05

p.m.

Sunrise: 6.25 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

Fourth H.K.V.D.C. Camp ends.

Society Chinese Federation v.

United Services.

K.C.C. Variety Concert in aid of

B.W.O.F., 9.15 p.m.

Seven-a-Side Rugby Tourney at

Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Report Rally.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton (all day);

W.S. Committee Mtg., 10.30 a.m.; Flag

Whist and Supper, 7.30 p.m.

Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hos-

pitals "Found Day," 11 a.m.—1 p.m.;

2 p.m.—4 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance.

Kowloon Union Church, Bridge

and Mahjong Drive, 3 p.m.

Lawn Tennis Championships con-

tinued.

14—Tides: High 11.50 a.m.; Low

5.46 a.m. and 6.50 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.35 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

Army Inter-Unit Cross-Country

Race from P.W.D. ground.

R.A.O.B. Club, Committee

Mtg., 7.40 p.m.; Extraordinary Gen.

Mtg., 8 p.m.

Ladies Golf: Spring Meeting.

S. & S. Home: Grand Concert, 8

p.m.

Chinese Industrial Co-operatives

Mtg., Metropole Hotel, 1 p.m. Speaker:

Miss Madame Russell.

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning 10 a.m.;

A.D.C. Rehearsal 9 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Boy Scouts' Assn. Annual General

Mtg., Sandlands Hut, 8.30 p.m.

Tung Wah College Annual Dinner

to be received by Governor, 12 noon.

Lawn Tennis Championships con-

tinued.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Mtg.,

1 p.m.

15—Tides: High 12.39 a.m. and 12.55

p.m. Low 6.16 a.m. and 7.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m.

St. Patrick's Society Dinner

Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Sybil Ruby

Challenger and Paul Mary Hodgson

due.

Licensing Board Election, Urban

Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.

Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend

payable.

C.B.S.: Physical Training Display, 6

p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

La Salle College Annual Sports

Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8

p.m.

Lawn Tennis Championships con-

tinued.

Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. Rehearsal 6 p.m.;

Badminton 6 p.m.

Kowloon Res. Assn. Annual Meeting,

6 p.m.

16—Tides: High 1.35 a.m. and 1.14

p.m. Low 6.16 a.m. and 7.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m.

Criminal Sessions Open, 10 a.m.

Seven-a-Side Rugby Tourney

(Finals), 4.30 p.m.

Charity Dinner, Dance for China

War Relief, Hotel Cecil 8 p.m.

Bank of East Asia, Annual Mtg., 3

p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Supper, Dance, Peninsula

Hotel.

C.B.S., Annual Sports, 2 p.m.

Queen's College, Annual Sports,

11.30 a.m.

Vibro Piling Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg.,

York Building, 12 noon; to be follow-

ed by Extraordinary General Mtg.

H.E. the Governor and Lady North-

cote leave for Panning Lodge.

17—Tides: High 3.15 a.m. and 2.17

p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 10.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.33 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

Panning Hunt and Race Club,

St. Patrick's Day Meet at Kwant,

2.45 p.m.

Governor's Cup Soccer, Caroline

Hall, 4 p.m.

H.K. Union Church, Masonic Ser-

vice 6 p.m.

18—Tides: High 5.20 a.m. and 3.36

p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 11.19 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.33 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

19—Cheero Club, Ladies Advisory

Committee, Bridge and Mahjong

Drive, 3 p.m.

Claims against estate of Alfred Ed-

mund Hahn due.

20—H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co.

Ltd., Annual Mtg., 10, Des Voeux Rd.

G., 11.30 a.m.

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tot (Piano) and The London Philhar-

monic Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon

Ronald.

Paris Angelica—Cote Ljungberg

(Soprano) with Organ accomp. by

Stanley Roper. 2 p.m.

Pledge Heroique—Edouard Commette

(Organ).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather

Report.

1.03 Les Allen (Vocal) and Carroll

Gibbons & His Boy Friends.

Stars Fell On Alabama (Perkins);

Judy (Carmichael & Lerner)—Carroll

Gibbons (Piano) & His Boy Friends.

Rehearsing A Lullaby (Hoffman &

Others); Seein' Is Believin' (Adams

and Ager)—Les Allen (Baritone) with

Carroll Gibbons & His Boy Friends.

Foolin' Myself (Lawrence & Tin-

turin); You're Here, You're There.

You're Everywhere (Kahala & Leeb).

Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His

Boy Friends.

When Did You Leave Heaven (film

'Sing, Baby, Sing!'); I'll Sing You

A Thousand Love Songs (film 'Cain

& Mabel')—Les Allen (Baritone)

with Orchestra.

Jerome Kern Medley—Intro: Intro-

duction; Who's Baby are You? Why

do I Love You? Ka-lu-a; Can't help

Lovin' that man of mine; Look for

the Silver Lining; Who? Old Man

River—Carroll Gibbons and The

Savoy Hotel Orpheans (With Vocal

Chorus).

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather

Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Prime Scala's Accordion Band

and Florence Desmond (Comedienne).

The Charlatans' Hall (O'Donovan-

Brennan); A Cowboy's Wedding Day

(Neal-Palosi)—Prime Scala's Accor-

deon Band with Vocal Refrain.

Public Sweetheart No. 1 (film 'See-

ing Stars'); In Love Again (film

'Seeing Stars')—Florence Desmond

(Comedienne) with Orchestra.

Song of the Lift (Evans & Others);

Old Ship O'Mine (Pilot-Arden)—

Prime Scala's Accordion Band with

Vocal Chorus.

Mac Time (film 'Gay Love'); A

British Mother's Big Fight (from

'Streamline')—A. P. Herbert—Florence

Desmond (Comedienne) with Orches-

tra.

The Whispering Walks (Damerell-

Evans); A Cafe In The Moonlight

(Connolly)—Prime Scala's Accor-

deon Band with Vocal Refrain.

2.15 Close down.

2.30 Excerpts from Gilbert & Sull-

ivan's "Patience."

I Hear a Soft Note of the Echoing

Voice—Sextette and Mixed Chorus

with Orchestra; But Who Is This?

N. Briercliffe, L. Randa, W. Lawson,

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Green with Orchestra.

Sadie That Woman's Lot—Bertha

Lewis (Contralto) with Orchestra.

Turp. Oh Turn in This Direction—

Chorus of Girls. A Magnet Hung in

a Hardware Shop—Leslie Kendra and

Chorus of Girls with Orch.

Love is a Platonic Song—Winifred

Lawson (Soprano) with Orchestra; So

Go To Five Girls—Lewis and George

Baker; It's Clear that Medieval Art—

D. Oldham, M. Green and D. Fan-

court with Orch.

2.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

2.40 An hour of Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trots—Blue, Strings;

Keep Goin'—Bert Firman's Quin-

tunity of Swing.

Fox-Trot—Swing and Sway: Quick-

step—You're An Education—The Six

Swingers.

Waltz—Viennese Hearts—Emil Roosa

& His Salon Orchestra; Polka—The

Hobgoblins—Walter Forschmann (Ac-

cordion) with Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Serenade to the

Stars (film 'Mad About Music');

2.50 Close down.

Peak School, Annual Sports, 2.45

p.m.

21—Chess Championship Con-

tinued.

H.K. Electric Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg.,

11 a.m., Extraordinary Gen. Mtg.

11.15 a.m.

Kai Tak Airport Dance, Peninsula

Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

King's College Annual Sports, Caro-

line Hall, 1.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates, Ltd. Annual Mtg.,

China Building, 12 noon.

JAPANESE RAVAGE IN NORTH KWANGTUNG

SHIPKUAN, March 11 (Central)—Chinese property losses incurred through Japanese invasion of north Kwangtung last year amounted to approximately \$38,000,000, according to statistics just released.

Civilian casualties included 2,638 killed and 352 wounded.

The districts affected by the Japanese invasion were Ying-tak, Tsingyuan, Fatkong, Sunfung, Tsungfa, Lungmoon, and Yungun.

In Yingtak, 15 of 37 districts were overrun by the invaders. Altogether 365 civilians were killed and 22 wounded. The total number of houses destroyed was 274 involving a loss of over \$8,000,000.

In Tsingyuan 223 districts were affected. Altogether 758 civilians were killed, 44 wounded and 28 missing. A total of 618 shops and 348 civilian houses were destroyed. Involving a loss of over \$15,000,000. There are now about 100,000 refugees.

In Fatkong only four of the 71 districts were not affected. Civilian lives lost numbered 110 and civilians wounded 47. Altogether 812 houses were wrecked.

In Sunfung 317 civilians were killed and 38 wounded, and 948 houses destroyed. About 20,000 civilians were rendered homeless and destitute. Property losses amounted to \$7,000,000.

In Tsungfa 857 civilians were killed, and extremely heavy damage was involved.

In Lungmoon 176 civilians were killed, 120 wounded, and 670 houses destroyed. About 20,702 civilians were turned into refugees. Damage incurred amounted to \$4,560,304.

In Yungun 155 civilians were killed and 81 wounded. Altogether 7,668 houses were destroyed, involving a total loss of \$3,073,435.

Italian View:

IF ALLIES INTERVENE IN FINLAND

RETALIATION FROM RUSSIA & GERMANY

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Writing in the *Voce d'Italia*, Signor Gayda says that Italy is not going to press Finland to accept peace demands which will put her at Russia's mercy.

FINNS MUST DECIDE

Finland alone can judge what conditions she can accept to safeguard her interests, just as she alone can judge whether or not to maintain her honourable resistance.

ALLIED INTERVENTION

Signor Gayda says that only Finland can decide if the heroic war she is fighting is to be continued, but, in the event of eleventh-hour help by the Allies, it is impossible to see how such intervention could spare Norway and Sweden and avoid provoking retaliation from both Russia and Germany.

Any British and French intervention would, therefore, mean the deliberate spreading of the European conflict.

Moller Boat Aground

URGENT S.O.S. IS PICKED UP IN SHANGHAI

MANILA, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—An S. O. S. was picked up here from the Shanghai vessel *Ariadne Moller* (1,840 tons) which reported that she was aground.

The ship was en route from Wenchow to Shanghai.

URGENT REQUEST

Immediate assistance was needed and all 200 passengers had taken to the lifeboats.

The *Ariadne Moller* is a twin-screw vessel. She was built in 1907 and belongs to the Moller Line.

Chinese Geological Society

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central)—The Chinese Geological Society will hold its 16th annual meeting from March 14 to 18 at three separate places here, namely, the Chungking University, the Central University and the Szechwan Geological Survey Institute.

Members of the Society are daily arriving from various places,

Ulster M.P.'s Want To See Mr. Welles

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Nationalist Members of the North Ireland Parliament asked the American Embassy in London to secure them an interview with Mr. Sumner Welles, regarding political conditions in Ulster.

They received a reply saying that their inquiry would be brought to his attention, but it was impossible to say if he could see them, as it was not known how long he would be staying in London.

WARM WELCOME BY THE PRESS

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—A warm welcome is given Mr. Sumner Welles by newspapers.

The *Daily Telegraph* says "he was assured, before he came, that the British Government would take him fully into their confidence and he can have no doubt of his welcome by this country."

The *Times* says that he "could not have arrived at a better moment for seeing what the complexities of European politics look like from the standpoint of London. The air through which he flew from Paris on his fact-finding mission, to become our welcome guest, can never have been fuller with rumours and reports, as well as authenticated news."

The *Daily Mail* says that "Britain welcomes Mr. Sumner Welles, and he will be among friends and sympathisers. Sympathisers, because there is in Europe so much to observe and so little profit, at the moment, from observing."

The *Daily Express* states that "Britain is glad to see Mr. Welles and he will be given every facility while he is here."

NAZI TACTICS

The *Times* diplomatic correspondent says it is clear that the Germans are using the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles in an attempt to weaken the Allied resolution by talk of a patched-up peace. In almost every country they are saying privately that they are willing to establish, in vaguely defined and diminished territories, a puppet Poland or Czechoslovakia sufficient (they say) to satisfy the British and French Government.

There could be no greater effrontery or calumny. The Allied Governments are pledged as Mr. Sumner Welles will be told to end the recurring menace of German aggression and to restore full freedom and full security to the Poles and Czechs.

EDUCATION PARLEY IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central)—Under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, the People's Education Confab was formally opened here this morning. In the afternoon, proposals will be examined and reports by the Ministry and the various provincial education departments will be heard.

The conference is scheduled to last five days. After the conclusion of the people's education confab, meetings will be held for the discussion of middle school and social education.

PERSONAL CONFAB

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central)—The seven-day Central Personnel Administration Conference commenced here on Mar. 3 was concluded yesterday with a brief ceremony. Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan, gave the closing speech.

Gen. Lee Hon-wan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has ordered the appropriation of \$50,000 for emergency relief of the large number of refugees from Chungshan following the Japanese invasion last week. The number of refugees from the Chungshan district is estimated at more than 20,000 daily.

and already 85 theses on geological subjects have been received. After the meeting, about 40 of the members will tour Wei-yuan and Tsiung-tung in south Szechwan for eight days to study geological conditions there.

RIBBENTROP IN ROME

ITALY'S FREEDOM OF ACTION IS RECOGNIZED

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Although it had been expected that Count Ciano and Herr von Ribbentrop would meet again yesterday afternoon, according to German sources Herr von Ribbentrop spent his time driving round the capital.

STRICTLY PRIVATE

The two statesmen presumably had a talk during luncheon, which was strictly private, and their conversation, were doubtless continued during the dinner which Count Ciano had at his home last night.

The expressed view is that Herr von Ribbentrop will confine himself to giving information on the German viewpoint, because Italy's freedom of action has been fully recognised during the previous conversations at Salzburg and Berlin.

"NON-BELLIGERENCE"

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Commentators in the Italian Press stress that Italy is maintaining her aloofness from the war—or, in the Italian phrase, her "Non-Belligerence."

In regard to the visit of Herr von Ribbentrop to Rome, the *Telegrafo* comments that Herr von Ribbentrop knows better than to ask Signor Mussolini to change Italy's policy. His talks will be merely informative.

NEW DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENT?

ROME, Mar. 11 (Havas)—The exact nature of Herr von Ribbentrop's parley in Rome will remain unknown, but it is definitely ascertained that Herr von Ribbentrop's trip was due entirely to German initiative.

Some observers declare that Herr von Ribbentrop and Signor Mussolini may sign a new diplomatic instrument aimed at determining the respective position of the two countries for action in future European developments, such as an extension of the conflict to Scandinavia, the Balkans, the Near East or Middle East.

ECONOMIC PACTS

The two statesmen may also conclude new economic conventions to meet the Allied blockade.

Finally, Germany is endeavouring to bring about a detente between Moscow and Rome, leading to a resumption of Soviet-Italian trade, which would also provide Russia with another trade route through the Black Sea and Mediterranean to send supplies to Germany.

NOTHING IMPORTANT

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Well-informed quarters do not expect any developments from the visit of Herr von Ribbentrop. It is believed, however, that Herr von Ribbentrop confidentially detailed Herr Hitler's war plans for the immediate future, including his programme for greater economic collaboration with Soviet Russia.

There are also rumours that Herr von Ribbentrop may try to patch up a peace with the Vatican and will propose a new agreement to cover Austria and Poland.

First Peace Aims Of All Workers

LONDON, Mar. 11 (B.W.S.)—Mr. Hugh Dalton, speaking at the Labour Party meeting in Bradford yesterday afternoon said: "I have heard, within the last ten days, from the lips of Polish and Czech Socialists, from men and women with haunted eyes, unprintable stories of what they themselves have witnessed."

"Our fate in Britain would be the same as theirs, or worse, if Herr Hitler got us in his power. But after victory, must come a real and lasting peace, based on justice between nations and organised international force against any future aggression and a reshaping of economic life of the world."

"We must learn to plan for plenty. Science and the natural wealth of the world has put within our reach prosperity and security for all mankind. To grasp this prize must be one of first peace aims of workers of all lands."

C.I.C. ADVISER TELLS OF NORTH-WESTERN TRIP

"I am satisfied that co-operative industry is a possibility and that it is fulfilling the role that has been assigned to it," stated Mr. Rewi Alley after making a three-month investigation in areas worked by the north-west headquarter of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives. "Co-operative industry," he said "is reaching new efficiency levels, as economic pressure is increased." Mr. Alley is a technical adviser to the C.I.C.

The wiry, sandy-haired New Zealander points out that the first stages have been passed in many northwestern areas, and that now the Federation of Industrial Co-operative is taking over marketing and supply; it also has depots for this purpose in most of the principal cities.

"Few people realise," he continued, "how the old handicraft industries have been so nearly eliminated in these regions. Wars, famines and the rise of quick machine production on the coast have almost completely killed them, so that production in many places must be started from scratch. The Chinese are a co-operative people, however, and the organization of industry in this form suits the average man well."

He added that the people in the North-west are receiving the whole-hearted assistance of C.I.C. technicians, who have introduced improved spinners (turning out good 16 count yarn), cotton cards, four mills and direct water power.

Mr. Alley admits that there are yet difficulties confronting the C.I.C. workers in the North-west.

"There is especially a great need for co-operative industry in guerilla districts, where transportation is difficult, but where the soldiers and civilians still need shoes, cloth, leather, and munitions. Numerous refugees from flooded or penetrated areas also come to these districts in search of work."

PRESSING DEMAND

"Then there are the front-line districts, such as those in the neighbourhood of Yulin, in north Shensi, Chenping, in south Honan, and Laohokou in Hupei, where there is a great and pressing demand for all kinds of products. A start has been made in organizing productive units in these places and, is giving encouragement for further efforts."

Mr. Alley finds it interesting to see the way the C.I.C. provide a way for the ordinary man to maintain and improve his livelihood. Recounting his trip, he says that there are co-operatives among all kinds of people from Lanchow in Kansu to Loyang in Honan, from Hanchung in southern Shensi to Yulin in northern Shensi.

"One is struck everywhere, too, with the so evident determination on the part of the ordinary man to see the war through to a successful finish. The tungpei-jem—north-easterner—so frequently met in these regions, is still confident of living at peace in his home in Liaoning or Kirin; he has not the slightest doubt that he will be able to go home some day and build afresh."

IMPORTANT PROBLEM

The most important problem facing co-operative industry in the North-west is the organisation of cheaper means of transport, in the opinion of Mr. Alley. He confirms the report that the C.I.C. has already a co-operative turning out alcohol for motor use, and there is a co-operative machine works that specializes in the fitting of charcoal burners to trucks that previously burnt gasoline.

Other co-operatives are also turning out hand and horse-drawn vehicles; transport co-operatives have been organised to pack goods by means of camels and mules.

"There are all kinds of difficulties," the New Zealander reiterates, "but as one sees the progress made in the last year, one comes anew to the realization that if China sticks together, she is unbeatable, and that he who laughs last, laughs best."

As to Russian influence in the North-west, it was discounted by Mr. Alley. "Except for a small group of truck drivers seen on the street one day in Lanchow, I met none in any of the provinces visited. Some of the shops in Lanchow, with merchants' traditional liking to appear cosmopolitan, have affected an additional shop sign in the Russian language, but that was all. A westerner is still very much of a curiosity in any place off the beaten track," he concluded.—C.I.C.

Labour Party And The War

INEFFICIENCY WILL BE CRITICISED

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—"The Labour Party will support every step for ensuring the successful prosecution of the war, but will continue to criticise inefficiency, wavering and lack of foresight," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition on Saturday.

GREATER EFFORTS

Criticism of the Government, he said, did not mean that the nation was divided. A nation united would make every sacrifice to bring about a successful conclusion of the war as soon as possible.

The Labour party would urge greater efforts to this end, but would not withhold its criticism of men who did not live up to their responsibility.

EXPENDITURE ON NEW ZEALAND'S FIGHTING FORCES

WELLINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Finance Minister, Mr. W. Nash, revealed that the country had hitherto expended \$7,350,000 on the Army, Navy and Air Force. He was satisfied that any necessary economies and extra taxation were well within the country's capacity, but no matter what the cost, it would be met.

Mr. Nash estimated that the cost of the fighting forces next year would be about \$23,000,000 of which \$13,000,000 would be found by the Dominion.

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STRENGTH OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN HONGKONG COMMENTED UPON BY BISHOP HALL

Annual General Meeting Of The V.D.M. Assn.

The strength of the Christian Church as a whole in Hongkong was commented upon by the Bishop of Hongkong, Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, at the annual general meeting of the Victorian Diocesan Missionary Association, held yesterday at St. John's Cathedral Hall, over which he presided.

The number of Church members in the 33 organised churches belonging to the Federation of Chinese Christian Churches was given by the Bishop as 17,673, of which the Anglican membership was 3,737.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constable R78 To Wing Hang has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from Mar. 4, 1940.

Training Course—Part III. The following will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course (Handling of Arms and Trigger Pressing) on Monday, Mar. 11, 1940 at 17.30 hours, sharp:—

Constables R12 Lal Chak-po, R15 Tsui Kwok-Ching, R31 Kwok Wai-lam, R39 Ip Shiu-ming, R95 Ip Wing-nin, R101 Lal Li-ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R194 Chan Shiu-sun, and R78 To Wing-hang.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. The following members of the Indian company have qualified in Part I of Training Course on Mar. 6, 1940:

Constables R212 Purn Singh, R219 M. Y. Hussain, R229 Ghulam Nabi, R288 Nur Khan, R706 Mohammed Yakub, R707 Abdul Hamid, R709 Ajab Singh, R710 Hashim Ahmed, R712 A. R. Abdulrahman, and R715 Fazal Din.

The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, March 13, 1940 at 17.15 hours for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R231 A. Karim, R257 A. Khan, R277 M. Atzal, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R265 Mohamed Ramzan, R266 Kesari Ali, R239 M. A. Hamet, R291 A. R. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R272 M. Nazir, R259 A. Khan, R288 G. Singh, R300 P. Singh, R701 Najab Khan, R702 M. Hayat, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R708 M. Hossen, R711 W. Abbas, R713 S. Bachi, R714 Amam Khan, R716 P. R. Sharma, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Monday, and Thursday, March 11 and 14 respectively at 17.30 hours sharp under P. S. R214 Channan Singh:—

Constables R212 P. Singh, R272 N. Nazir, R219 M. Y. Hussain, R229 Ghulam Nabi, R259 A. Khan, R268 H. G. Singh, R288 N. Khan, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Hayat, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R708 M. Yakub, R709 A. Hamid, R708 M. Hossen, R709 A. Singh, R710 H. Ahmed, R711 W. Abbas, R712 A. Rahman, R713 S. Bachi, R714 A. Khan, R715 F. Din, R716 P. R. Sharma, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Appointment. Constable R371 Lee Kim-bun has been appointed Equipment Officer to the Flying Squad, as from Mar. 9, 1940.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. Constable R485 N. M. Krasnoperoff has been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from Mar. 8, 1940. Leave. Lance Sergeant R421 J. Van der Lely has been granted one month's leave of absence, as from Mar. 1, 1940.

Company Drill. All ranks will attend No. 2 Police Station at 17.15 hours on Wednesday, Mar. 13, 1940 and at 17.30 hours on Friday, March 15, 1940 for Company Drill. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with white Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER,

D. S. P. (R),

Hongkong, Monday, March 11.

Membership of the three English-speaking Anglican churches, St. John's Cathedral, St. Andrew's Church and Christ Church, was 662. The Roman Catholic Church membership in the Colony, including Europeans, totalled 17,510.

In his survey of the work of the Association during the year, the Bishop said that the diocese, apart from having the second longest history in China, reached up to the Burma border and at one point even touched Tibet. It included the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan and Kweichow.

VARIED WORK

The Bishop then proceeded to review the varied work which was being done in all these places (a report of which appears in "South China," the Association's news sheet), and, after saying that the great event of the year was the 75th anniversary of St. Stephen's Church, concluded by paying a warm tribute to the Christian work of Bishop Mok Shau-tsang and congratulating him affectionately on his attainment of his 75th birthday.

The reports of the St. John's Cathedral, St. Andrew's and Christ Church Groups of the V.D.M.A. were passed, as were the report for the year of the Association, the statement of accounts and the budget for 1940.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Office bearers for 1940 were elected, as follows:—

Chairman, Bishop Hall.

Vice-Chairmen, Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Rev. J. R. Higgs and Rev. H. D. Rosenthal.

London Sales Secretaries, Mrs. Alabaster and Miss Updell.

Secretary for Hospital Supplies, Mrs. L. B. Holmes.

Service Chaplains, Revs. S. Hinchcliffe, D. V. Edwards and H. L. O. Davies.

Secretaries for Outposts, St. John's Cathedral Group.

Executive Committee:—Mrs. J. L. Wilson, Rev. A. P. Rose, Mrs. G. Goddard, Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mrs. D. M. Richards, Rev. N. V. Halward, Mr. George She, Mr. G. A. Goodham, Rev. K. L. Reckell, Dr. F. C. Woo, Rev. C. Brown, Miss Gibbins, Miss Elliott, Mrs. A. Tsui, Rev. J. C. L. Wong, Mr. William K. Luke and Mr. K. C. Tsang.

Second Issue of "English Dial"

The second issue of "English Dial" came off the press yesterday after being suspended for nearly two months. The reason for this delay is that the journal found it necessary to register with the Hongkong Government in compliance with the law.

This semi-monthly publication has the particular purpose of supplying Chinese students with some wholesome reading material and of cultivating their interest in the study of English.

The contents of the magazine consists of selected readings in journalistic prose, speeches and orations of the day, news items, journalistic terms, popular science, idiomatic expressions, diagrams, and biographical notes.

The journal is edited by several professors of Canton University and published by New China Cultural Service, Kowloon.

HAW PAR ACCIDENT STATION

Seventeen accident cases and 76 sick patients were treated at the Haw Par Accident Station during February, the Ambulance covering a total of 818 miles.

At the Out Patients' Department, a total of 530 cases were treated, comprising 336 new cases and 194 old cases.

A doctor is in attendance at the station during Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

"THE MODERN GIRL": DEBATE AT H.K. UNIVERSITY

"That the Modern Girl is Degenerate" will be the subject of the next debate of the Hongkong University Educational Society, to be held today (Tuesday) at 5.15 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room.

The proposer and seconder are Mr. S. S. Yu and Miss Pauline Chan, respectively, while the opposer and seconder are Mr. Cheah Siew Onn and Miss Nellie Shroff.

According to Mr. Leslie Sung, Hon. Secretary of the Educational Society, anyone interested is welcome to attend the debate.

WAR CHARITY

A sum of \$621.59 has been donated to the Chinese War Orphans. This money is proceeds from the Hongkong University St. Stephen's Hall Charity Dance, which was held on February 10.

Fanling Farm Notes

Tomatoes which were planted in Sept. and well fertilised with stable manure are still bearing profusely. The tomatoes are smaller in size, but are free from cracks in the heads.

This cracking was due to excessive water during the typhoon in the last months of the year. The second crop was planted out in January, were staked in February and first pickings have already been made.

BEANS AND PEAS

The bean and peas gave excellent results and the stalks have now been removed to the compost heap which will be treated on the spot with agents to accelerate decomposition both by the Organic Fertiliser Company and a system known as the bio-dynamic method.

Second crops of sweet corn, celery, carrots, and cabbages have been sown and liberally manured. Progress of these second crops are being watched with interest.

The first pickings of strawberries have been good. They are of good size and it seemed early in the season when eaten in the traditional manner with sugar and cream. The beds devoted to strawberries will be increased next year so as to ensure a greater yield.

VEGETABLES AVAILABLE

The Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre has placed the sales management in the hands of Mrs. Dorothy Lee and the following vegetables are available: tomatoes at 25 cents per lb; broccoli at 30 cents per lb; Brussels sprouts at 40 cents per lb; parsnips at 10 cents per bunch; carrots and beet at 10 cents per bunch; red cabbage at 20 cents per head; savoy cabbage at 20 cents per head.

It is hoped that all interested friends and supporters will avail themselves of these garden vegetables and phone their order to the Secretary 25621 or send their orders to Room 329, Prince's Building entrance from Des Voeux Road. Fresh supplies reach Hongkong daily by the 8 a.m. train from Fanling.

COLONY HEALTH

Four cases of small pox, twenty-seven cases of tuberculosis, ten cases of measles, seven cases of cerebro-spinal fever, four cases of enteric fever, two cases each of chicken-pox and diphtheria and one case of dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Sunday.

VARIETY CONCERT

A variety concert in aid of the fund will take place at the Kowloon Cricket Club on March 13, at 8.15 p.m. As already announced, H.E. The Governor and Lady Northcote will be present, and tickets (price \$2 and \$1) may be obtained either from the Kowloon Cricket Club, or the U.S.R.C.

Two Weddings at Registry

The marriages took place yesterday at the Registry, before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, of Petty Officer Morris Ratcliffe, of the Royal Navy, and Miss Ella Vivian Nank, of No. 23 Happong Road, and Mr. Tang Pui-chik, teacher, of No. 71 Argyle Street, and Miss Cheng Shiu-nan, of No. 83 High Street.

Firing Practice

Firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 12 midnight today.

First Area 'A' will be affected.

Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre—Upper picture.

Women and children in line waiting their turn at the Food Kitchen of the Centre at Wong Fui Ling. Lower picture: Ruined houses and their owners at Wong Fui Ling Village, 1,000 yards from the British border.

British War Organisation Fund, H.K.

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The total of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, has now reached \$429,830.60.

The latest list of subscriptions includes a donation of \$1,490.60 from all contingents and clerical staff of the Hongkong Police Force for February, \$1,200 from the proceeds of the Leap Year Ball held at the Gloucester Hotel, \$651.50 being proceeds of an American Tennis Tournament held by the Hongkong Cricket Club, \$500 from Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sorby, \$315 from the Foreign Staff of the H.K. Telephone Co., for Jan./Feb. and \$146.82 from the staff of the Sanitary Department.

Previously acknowledged \$424,626.88; J. Moodie (monthly) 20; Anonymous 5; Foreign Staff—H.K. Telephone Co. Jan./Feb. 315; Free Foresters Cricket Matches v. H.K. C.C. 40; H. S. Jones 50; M.E.B. 10; R. K. Valentine (monthly) 20; W. J. Reid (monthly) 20; L. C. Baker (monthly) 10; Mr. and Mrs. Walker (monthly) 20; Mrs. Martin (monthly) 5; A.C.I. Bowker (monthly) 20; Staff of Sanitary Dept. (monthly) 146.82; E. W. Davies 10; Leap Year Ball—Gloucester Hotel 1,200; Anonymous 100; Anonymous 100; Anonymous 5; J. S. Dunnett (monthly) 20; E. M. Raymond 50; F. T. Harris 15; Razon Trading Co. (monthly) 10; Queen Mary Hospital—Tennis Tournament 90; H.K.C.C.—American Tennis Tournament 651.50; D. G. Day (monthly) 15; A. H. Guinness (monthly) 20; S. E. Edgar (monthly) 5; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sorby 500; Scots Norwegian 25; H.K. Police Force—All Contingents & Clerical Staff—Feb. 1,490.60; H. M. Miller (monthly) 15; Total: \$429,830.60.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The financial results of recent events arranged by the Entertainment Committee, have now been received. The sum of \$651 was raised by the Tennis Tournament held at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Feb. 18 and the Leap Year Ball held at the Gloucester Hotel on Feb. 29, produced \$1,200.

The Kowloon Dock Centre held a Bridge and Mah Jong Drive on March 8, in aid of the above fund, and the sum of \$500 is being sent to the Honorary Treasurer.

Winners: Bridge (Contract) 1st Prize Mrs. S. Thompson, 2nd Mrs. Clague, 3rd Mrs. Searle, Mah Jong (Clear) Mrs. Lawson, 2nd Mrs. Olsen, Mah Jong (Chinese) Mrs. Wright, 2nd Mrs. Rose. A doll given and dressed by Mrs. Kempson was raffled and won by Mr. R. Goodman, Ticket No. 59. In the evening a dance was held.

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Kowloon Lot Bought For \$30,000

CROWN LAND SALE AT P.W.D.

Four lots of Crown Land were sold by public auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234, situated at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, and containing an area of about 21,500 square feet was purchased by Mr. George Tack, No. 420 Prince Edward Road, first floor, for \$23,200. The upset price was \$16,123.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235, situated between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2930 and 4023, Stirling Rd., with an area of about 14,000 square feet was bought by Mr. Lam Tsz-fung, c/o Mr. J. C. Clark, architect, for \$12,000, the upset price being \$7,000.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2769, situated at the junction of Fuk Wing Street and Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan, containing an area of about 11,800 square feet, was bought by Messrs. Wan See-yau, Wan Sal-hau, Wan Pak-shing and Wan Sal-kwong, c/o No. 62, Canton Road, for \$11,000. The upset price was \$7,080.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236, at Boundary Street between Sai Yung Choi Street and Tung Choi Street, Mongkok, was purchased by Messrs. Fan Sung and Chow Cheuk-in, of No. 234 Cheung Sha Wan Road, second floor, for \$30,000. The upset price was \$18,808. The area contains about 8,270 square feet.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of The Boy Scouts' Association will be held at Thursday, March 14th, at 5.30 p.m., at Sandhill Hut. His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will preside. All members, subscribers and their friends, and also any members of the public who are interested in the Movement, are cordially invited to attend.

D. A. POCKSON.

Hon. Secretary.
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HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Notice to Members.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of this Association will be held at the offices of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, 1st floor, Exchange Building, on Tuesday, 19th March, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS
Secretaries & Treasurers.
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R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

BUSINESS.

To receive from the Committee a Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

R. R. SMITH.

Hon. Secretary.
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HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK.

Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1940.
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THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE.

Secretary.
Hong Kong, 29th Feb. 1940.
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BIRTHS

BEECHING.—On March 6, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Phyllis, wife of E. Beeching, a daughter, Anne.
REIB.—On March 6, 1940, at Women's Hospital, to Harriett L. and Dan C. Reib, a son, John Dan.
GRAY.—On March 3, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Nesta Mary, wife of Dr. John Gray, a son.
STEVENS.—On March 4, 1940, at Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Peggy, wife of W. R. M. Stevens, a son, Nigel William.

The Daily Press
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HONGKONG, MARCH 12, 1940

THE CASE OF MR. SAITO

THE CASE of Mr. Saito has now agitated Japan for a period of almost two months. Beginning from a fracas in the Diet, it has grown rapidly to involve the whole future of parliamentarism in the country, the attitude of various political groups towards the "sacred war" in China and, indeed, the whole "New Order in East Asia."

MR. SAITO'S CRIME was that he exposed the threadbare nature of the declared objectives of the Japanese militarists on the Continent, denied that these represented the real interests of the people of Japan, and insisted on an explanation of what the campaign against China was really designed to achieve. It was a crime so serious that the extremists in the Diet, egged on by the military, demanded not only his expulsion, but the expulsion and punishment of the Speaker who failed to stop him in time, the Secretary who entered his speech in the records, and a number of other legislators who at different times had cast aspersions on the good name of the armed forces.

ANALYSING THE REASONS for all this furore, we must dismiss first of all the thought that Mr. Saito was anything like an enemy of aggression, or was moved by anything other than the ideas of the light industrialists and shipping interests that his party represents. Had he spoken out of outraged idealism or humanitarian sentiment, his outburst would have been laudable but not particularly significant. The importance of the speech lay precisely in the fact that it signalled a real schism in the ranks of Japan's ruling class on the policy to be adopted in the face of growing difficulties in China and of the new international situation.

FACED WITH SUCH A SCHISM, the first instinct of the Army is, of course, to suppress the dissidents. But this is not as easy as it sounds. In fact, the chief aim of the Army in internal politics has for some months been not to attack but somehow to appease the civilian elements and to ensure that they would continue to finance its war in China. This was the reason for the inclusion of so many party politicians in the Yonai Government. In blasting Saito and his ilk, therefore, the militarists must step warily. They must resort not to the pistol and the dagger, as in February 1936, but to a broad "movement" in the halls of the legislature, employing various friendly parties such as the Social Mass faction and the "Reform" Group in the Selyukai against Mr. Saito and against his party, the Minseitō. At the same time, it must remember that the groups it uses are not completely supine tools. They

MURDER TRIAL AT SESSIONS

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the loss of a belt, an ink-pot and a felt hat, he had held the boy to be responsible, and on one occasion he had said to the boy's grandmother.

"He has stolen my belt and now my hat. I will kill him. I will take him to the hillside and roll him down."

After this, however, accused and the lad continued to go out together, and on December 31 were seen walking up Monmouth Path to Kennedy Road. Accused returned later without the boy, whose failure to appear caused the relatives to institute a search for him towards time for the evening meal. Accused refused to tell the boy's mother where they had been.

SEARCH MADE

The police were informed and a search was made in Hongkong and Kowloon, but it was not until January 3 that the boy's body was discovered. Early this morning, the boy's grandmother, who had been to a temple to pray for the lad's return, was told by a stranger that a body was lying above the revolver range in Kennedy Road. When police found the body, part of the face had been eaten by rats. There were no signs of a struggle but there was a mark on the neck. Hanging on a nearby branch was a necktie which the boy had used as a girdle.

Accused, who was arrested and questioned by police, told an extraordinary story to the effect that the boy had been strangled by one Luen Mo Chai (curly-headed fellow) in his presence. Luen Mo Chai had threatened to kill him if he revealed what happened.

The police were satisfied, after lengthy investigations and examining over 20 witnesses, that Luen Mo Chai had nothing to do with the murder. Accused was then charged, and admitted having pressed his fingers on the boy's throat.

After medical evidence, formal testimony and evidence by several boys, who had been with both accused and the dead boy to catch spiders and who all said that Hui was of a friendly nature, accused told his own story from the witness-box.

DREW BOY ASIDE

L. Ping-fai and himself, he said, had set out that day to catch jumping spiders for fighting purposes. They did not catch any. Whilst walking along, he drew the boy aside and pressed his fingers lightly on the lad's throat to play with him. The boy laughed, thinking accused was tickling him. He then held the boy more firmly. The boy's eyes closed.

From the time he first pressed the boy's throat and the time the boy's eyes closed it was one minute, said accused.

Hui then said he laid the boy on the ground slowly. The boy still moved; he shook once convulsively. Thinking the boy might run away, he removed his girdle and tied it round the boy's neck. When he observed that the colour of the lad's face changed, he re-

too know the Army's need of substantial allies in civilian politics, and their willingness to participate in the raid in the Minseitō is no more than a method of clearing the way to a stronger position in this field for themselves.

FINALLY, in opposition to all these considerations, many parliamentarians realize that the high-handed methods of the Army in the Diet are a threat to whatever remains of representative Government in Japan. It is not pleasant for an elected legislator to see, on the floor of the House, a gentleman like Major-General Muto, head of the body's Military Affairs Committee, who painstakingly enters the names of all members who presume to criticise the Army in a black notebook which he keeps ostentatiously by him. The whole situation carries within itself the seeds of a serious parliamentary revolt, which may give the Army a "clear road" untrammelled by vocal opposition, but will, on the other hand, force it to travel the road alone, hampered by a virtual boycott on the part of powerful financial and industrial groups.

LIKE OTHERS of Japan's problems, this situation has no solution so long as the country is ruled as it is today and the mad adventure in China continues.

Youthful Fliers In Third R.A.F. Leaflet Raid On Vienna And Prague

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The special correspondent with the British Air Forces states that British long-distance bombers have landed in France with the punctuality of civil air liners after making the Air Force's third leaflet raid on Vienna and Prague.

YOUTHFUL CREW

The planes were manned by the most youthful crew in the service.

Empire-born officers, in a machine which left England for Vienna, reported that they flew comparatively low over towns en route. One pilot said the only enemy aircraft seen was a plane landing at an airfield over which they passed.

Some time was spent over Munich and the fliers circled over Linz before reaching Vienna.

CLOUDLESS PASSAGE

The planes flying to Prague had a cloudless passage, but encountered twenty degrees of frost. Among the towns identified en route were Mannheim and Nuremberg.

The flights are described as highly successful.

PLANE OVER DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Danish anti-aircraft guns opened fire yesterday afternoon on a plane, apparently German, which flew over Danish territory, north of the Danish-German frontier.

WAR COMMUNIQUE

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—A war Communiqué issued yesterday states that on the western slopes of the Vosges, several encounters took place between our advanced units and German patrols, which had to fall back under our pressure.

The Air Forces were fairly active on both sides.

moved the girdle, and it was then that he realised that the child was dead.

Mr. Williams (cross-examining): Why did you tie the girdle round the boy's neck?—We were playing.

Chief Justice: (What sort of a game is that? Are you in the habit of playing that game with people?)

Accused replied saying he had played similarly with himself. In experimenting on the strength of ropes, he had hung himself by the neck from branches of trees.

He denied having said at the lower Court proceedings that he had tied the girdle round the boy's neck to prevent the boy from shouting for help.

WIELDED HAMMERS

Further questioned, accused admitted he wielded heavy hammers in the course of his work as a blacksmith in the dockyard. He said that he did not realise the strength of his fingers nor the degree of strength he used when pressing Li Ping-fai's neck.

He stated that it was not his intention to kill the boy nor had he cause to do so. He did not kill the boy because he held the lad responsible for his loss of a hat belt and ink-pot.

Asked why he had not come forward and told his story if the whole thing had been an accident and why he had laid the charge against Luen Mo Chai, accused said he was frightened.

Chief Justice: How far were you willing to let that story stand?—I did not realise the crime of murder had such serious consequences. I just put the blame on him so I could go free.

Mr. Lo: Did you want Luen Mo Chai to die for you?—No. At the time you were charged on January 5, were you aware that Luen Mo Chai had been released by the police?—I did not know.

Wong Yee, accused's foster mother, then testified that Hui formerly suffered from epileptic fits. During these fits, he would fall on his head and sustain injuries. He had not had these fits for the past few years, she said. At this stage, the proceedings were adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

BRAZILIAN DEBT SETTLEMENT

Comment in the City columns of newspapers expresses satisfaction at the announcement of the long expected Brazilian debt settlement.

Although it is realised that the terms represent rather less than half the interest rates on the loans in question, the reaching of some tangible result is appreciated.

The Financial News says: "Unless the situation changes, most unexpectedly Brazil should be able to service her overseas debt at the rates now agreed without inflicting any hardship upon her own nationals. Rather should these derive real benefit from the resultant improvement in the credit status of their own country."—(BWS).

SHENSI HARVEST CELEBRATED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—For the first time in five years, the people of Shan, capital of Shensi Province, held a Dragon Lantern Parade on the evening of Mar. 9 to celebrate the year's good harvests, states the Sin Wan Pao.

For three years since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, the crops in Shensi have been plentiful.

ANHWEI CROPS

CHANGSHA, Mar. 11 (Int'l).—Despite the shortage of rice in many parts of South China, a report from the Anhwei Provincial Government stated that a bumper harvest is expected in that province this summer owing to abundant rainfall.

CHIEF SECRETARY FOR ADEN

LONDON, Mar. 11 (B.W.S.).—Mr. W. H. Ingrams, Resident Adviser of Mukalla, has been selected for appointment as Chief Secretary of Aden.

The post of Chief Secretary is being created to take the place of those of the Political Secretary and Civil Secretary on the Vacation of posts by their present holders, Lieut. Col. Lake, who is retiring, and Major Sinclair, who is reverting to the service of the Government of India.

Mr. Ingrams will be succeeded at Mukalla by Mr. G. A. Joy, Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides.

Actor Who Stole From Dance Hostesses

Sentences totalling 12 months' hard labour, were imposed on Lau Kai-wan, 31, described as an actor, who was convicted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon on charges of theft of money and jewellery from dance hostesses.

Inspector Darlings prosecuted.

FORMER S.C.M.P. EDITOR DEAD

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The death occurred here today, at the age of 67, of Mr. Thomas Petrie, late Editor of the South China Morning Post.

BAIL ESTREATED

Failing to appear before Mr. E. Himsforth, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, to answer a charge of assault, Jan Ellison, 25, engineer of the S.S. Ivaran, had his bail of \$25 estreated.

Ellison was alleged to have assaulted J.V. Cordelro, of Jordan Road, on board of a ferry on Sunday morning.

Since October 10 last year, no less than \$10,000,000 worth of the economy savings certificates issued by the Postal Bank have been sold throughout the country and overseas places. More than 1,000 post offices in China and agent banks and firms abroad are selling these certificates.—(Central).

Men in a little naval boat raced during the week-end to catch a drifting mine that heavy seas were carrying towards a pier at the British north-eastern harbour. They reached it less than 50 yards from the pier, held it with ropes, and removed the detonators before towing it away.—(BWS).

REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Summary Of Final Draft Of New Constitution

The following is the concluding portion of the summary of the Final Draft of the new Constitution for the Republic of China, which is to be enforced on a date to be fixed by the People's Congress, which is to meet in Chungking in November this year.

The Legislative Yuan, the highest organ through which the Central Government exercises its legislative powers, shall be responsible to the People's Congress.

It has the power to decide on measures concerning legislation, budgets, a state of emergency, special pardons, declaration of war, negotiation of peace, conclusion of treaties and other important international treaties. In the discharge of its duties, the Legislative Yuan may interrogate the various Yuan, ministries and commissions.

Pres. & Vice-President:

It shall have a president and a vice-president who shall hold office for a term of three years and may be re-elected. Members of the Legislative Yuan shall be elected by delegates of the various provinces, Mongolia, Tibet and citizens residing abroad, to the People's Congress. The candidates need not be delegates to the People's Congress. The term of office of members of the Legislative Yuan is also three years and are eligible for re-election.

Before the number of provinces and areas with complete local self-government reaches more than half of the total, however, half of the members of the Legislative Yuan will be elected by the People's Congress, while the president of the Legislative Yuan will nominate the remaining half and submit them to the President of the Republic for appointment.

The President of the Republic shall promulgate a measure presented by the Legislative Yuan for promulgation within thirty days after its receipt. However, before so doing, he may ask the Legislative Yuan to reconsider the measure.

Laws & Treaties:

If the latter, after reconsideration, decides to confirm the original measure by a vote of two-thirds or more of its members present, the President shall immediately promulgate or execute the said measure. But the President may refer to the People's Congress for decision bills concerning the making of laws and conclusion of treaties.

The Judicial Yuan shall attend to the adjudication of civil, criminal and administrative suits and judicial administration. It shall have one president and one vice-president, to be appointed by the President of the Republic with the advice and consent of the Legislative Yuan, but the president of the Judicial Yuan is responsible to the People's Congress. His term of office, as well as that of the vice-president shall be three years.

Civil Rights:

Matters concerning special pardons, remission of sentences, and restoration of civil rights shall be submitted to the President of the Republic for action by the president of the Judicial Yuan in accordance with law. The Judicial Yuan shall have the power to interpret the constitution and to unify the interpretation of statutes and ordinances. In the conduct of trials, judicial officials shall have perfect independence.

The Examination Yuan shall attend to the selection of civil service candidates by examination and to the registration of persons qualified for public service. It shall have a president and a vice-president, holding office for a term of three years, to be appointed by the President of the Republic with the advice and consent of the Legislative Yuan. The president of the Examination Yuan shall be responsible to the People's Congress.

Fifth Yuan:

The Censor Yuan, the fifth and last Yuan provided in the constitution, shall attend to impeachment, the discipline and punishment of public functionaries and auditing and shall be responsible to the People's Congress. In the discharge of its powers, it may interrogate the various Yuan, ministries and commissions.

It shall have a president and a vice-president and a number of

members to be elected by the People's Congress who shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election. Before the number of provinces and areas with complete local self-government reaches more than half of the total, half of the members of the Censor Yuan shall be elected by the People's Congress, while the president of the Censor Yuan shall nominate the remaining half and submit them to the President of the Republic for appointment.

When the Censor Yuan finds a public functionary in the Central or local government guilty of violation of a law or neglect of his duty, an impeachment may be instituted upon the proposal of one or more members and the endorsement, after due investigation, of five or more members.

Impeachment:

Impeachment against the President or Vice-President of the Republic, or the heads of the five Yuan, may be instituted only upon the proposal of ten or more members and the endorsement, after due investigation, of one-half or more of the members of the entire Yuan.

Such an impeachment shall be brought before the People's Congress. During the adjournment of the congress, its delegates shall be requested to convene an extraordinary session to decide whether the impeached shall be removed from office.

Local Government:

The system of local government was stipulated in the fifth chapter of the draft constitution. It has eighteen articles. Each province shall have a provincial government to execute the laws and orders of the Central Government and supervise local self-government. At its head is a governor who shall be appointed and removed by the Central Government. His term of office is three years. There shall also be a provincial assembly to be composed of one member from each district or municipality. The term of office of the members is also three years and they may be eligible for re-election.

The district is a unit of local self-government. All matters which by nature should be dealt with locally shall be matters for local self-government. Citizens of the district shall, in accordance with law, exercise the powers of initiative and referendum in matters concerning self-government as well as the powers of election and recall of the district magistrate and other elective local officials.

In the district there shall be a council with its members elected directly by the citizens in the area general meeting. The district magistrate who shall be also similarly elected, shall hold office for three years and may be eligible for re-election.

Unless otherwise provided by law, the provisions governing self-government and administration of the district shall apply, with due alteration of details, to the municipality.

Economic System:

The economic system of the republic shall be based on the Principle of Livelihood and shall aim at national economic sufficiency and equality; the educational aim shall be to develop a national spirit, to cultivate a national morality, to train the people to earn a livelihood, and thereby to build up a healthy body of citizens, according to the sixth and seventh chapters on national economic life and education.

Application and amendment of the constitution are classified in the eighth and last chapter of 10 articles. No amendment to the constitution may be made unless it shall have been proposed by over one-fourth of the delegates to the People's Congress and passed by at least two-thirds of the delegates present at a meeting having a quorum of over three-fourths of the entire congress. A proposed amendment shall be made public by the proposer one year before the assembling of the People's Congress.

POSITION IN THE RUSSO-FINNISH PEACE TALKS REVEALED: NO DECISION TAKEN ON SOVIET TERMS

Official Statement On Finland's Attitude

HELSINGFORS, MAR. 11 (REUTER) — OFFICIAL SILENCE ON THE PEACE TALKS WAS BROKEN BY A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY EVENING. THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS:

Some days ago, the Soviet and Finnish Governments entered into contact, through the intermediary of the Swedish Government, with the object of examining the possibilities for securing peace. The utility of direct conversations was recognised by both sides.

The Soviet Government, having invited representatives of the Finnish Government to proceed to Moscow to undertake the discussions, a delegation, consisting of M. Ryt, M. Passikivi, Gen. Walden and Deputy Volonmaa left for Moscow on Wednesday evening.

The delegation had two or three interviews with the representatives of the Soviet Government. On these occasions, the Finnish representatives took note of the Soviet peace conditions. No decision has hitherto been taken.

FINNISH ATTITUDE
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Well-informed Finnish circles describe the Finnish Government's attitude as follows:

"Finland is always ready to negotiate a reasonable peace that does not affect her independence but will fight if unacceptable or dishonourable conditions are proposed and will fight to the limit of her power."

"Finland wants to live a peaceful life in peaceful conditions, but the duty of the nation is to make a decision, taking into account the assistance offered from abroad."

NO BARGAINING
"When a nation is in danger and is fighting for its existence, it must above all remain faithful to itself by avoiding the object of bargaining for the benefit of foreign countries."

"It is for Finland to decide what she will accept and her sacrifices, in her judgment, must be based on her own interest alone."

"It is believed that the talks will end shortly and that the results will be made known immediately afterwards."

CLEARER PICTURE
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—It is now possible to get a clearer picture of the Russo-Finnish peace talks.

A suggestion had been made some ten days, when the Russian thrust on the Lashmus appeared to be progressing so rapidly, that the time had come to consider an armistice. Communications passed between Finland and Russia through M. Erkko, in Stockholm, and the Swedish Legation in Moscow.

ARMISTICE RECEIVED
The Russians refused an armistice, but agreed to receive the Finnish delegation, which, as is now known, flew to Stockholm and then went to Moscow.

The time-limit fixed for the talks is believed to expire on Mar. 12.

In the meantime, it is understood, contact was maintained between the Finnish and Allied Governments about ways and means for increasing help for Finland, if necessary.

PRESS COMMENTS
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—

The need for supporting Finland and doubts about the reported peace terms are expressed by the newspapers in commenting on the Russo-Finnish negotiations.

The Daily Telegraph says the Soviet may well be eager to cut their losses and Nazism is starving for supplies which they can never obtain while the Red Army is fighting. In such conditions, free countries are all the more bound to give Finland what she needs for victory.

The Times says that whatever the peace terms may be it should be put beyond doubt that fighting or negotiating in Finland will have resolute backing.

The Daily Mail says that any peace promoted by Germany will be a peace of defeat for Finland.

The News Chronicle states that if the Scandinavian countries persist in their determination not to throw in their lot with Finland and do not allow regular help from other countries through their territory, Finland may be forced to accept terms which will jeopardise her future and independence.

The Manchester Guardian says that if Finland has to accept Russia's terms, she will be at Russia's mercy, in the same way that Czechoslovakia is at Germany's mercy after she had to surrender the Sudeten defensive ring.

BITTER COMMENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Havas)—General opinion bitterly commented on the fact that Finland became the object of international bargaining for the benefit of foreign countries. The utmost importance of the Moscow parleys is generally acknowledged and an important section of opinion here is pinning great hopes upon them, although no armistice will be concluded during these peace-talks and Russian attacks continue to be most violent on all fronts.

The Finnish radio issued an appeal in the Russian language to Soviet workers, stressing that the Finns love true democratic ideals and independence and their determination to sacrifice life to preserve them.

A GOOD SIGN

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—It is understood that the Finnish delegation now in Moscow has no power to take a decision. The final proposals, when received, must be submitted to the Diet.

It is considered a good sign that Moscow has consented to discuss with a delegation in which Field-Marshal Mannerheim is represented by his trusted collaborator, General Walden.

ALLIES READY FOR ANYTHING IN NEAR EAST

BEYROUT, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The French Army in the Near East, under General Weygand, is ready for anything that the spring may bring. It was stated authoritatively here.

A message from Ankara states that it was learned there that talks have been started between the head of the Turkish Air Force, the Commander of the British Fighting Forces in the Near East and the French Air Commander in the Eastern Mediterranean.

"DIPLOMATIC VICTORY"

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to all countries shall be stopped whenever and wherever possible. This principle has been and must be applied impartially to all neutrals. It has not been adopted by the free choice of the British Government but has been forced upon them by German methods of sea warfare.

NOT A CHALLENGE
"The second points at issue was whether these particular cargoes were, or not, a challenge to the principle itself. Negotiations have shown they were, in fact, not intended to be such a challenge."

The release of the cargoes is regarded by the Times as a natural consequence of facts established in negotiations and in consonance with the declared intention of the British Government "to consider any legitimate measures to mitigate the effects of contraband control upon neutral trade and shipping."

CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that he was glad that on March 9 an agreement was reached with the Italian Government on the question of imports of German coal into Italy.

It now appeared that instructions issued by the Italian Government for some of the vessels in question to sail after March 1, in spite of the British announcement of the date after which control would be exercised, was a misunderstanding.

Recognising this misunderstanding, the Government agreed to release the ships which have been detained with their cargoes.

"On the other hand, Italian coal ships now in port will leave in ballast and no further Italian steamers will be sent to those ports to load coal," said the Premier.

"I have no doubt that there will be genuine satisfaction in this country (cheers) over this solution of what might have been a troublesome dispute by the application to the problem of common sense and goodwill (cheers)."

"It may be hoped that the way has now been opened for resumption of negotiations between our two countries for the furtherance of trade to our mutual advantage (cheers)."

Mr. Thorne (Opposition Labour), asked whether the British Gov-

JOURNALIST ON TRIAL IN JAPAN

PUBLIC EXCLUDED AFTER 7 MINUTES

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The trial of James R. Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service, opened in the District Court here at 10.35 this morning. Seven minutes after the opening of the trial, the public was excluded.

THE COURT
Judge Kanae Hotta and Prosecutor Kurahara presided over the trial, while the Interpreter of the Court was Professor Hideo Ogata, of the Law College in Yokohama.

Three Attorneys appeared for the defence: Fumio Takashima, Yoshio Fukuba and Yoshio Suzuki.

According to the Japanese press, "sufficient proof has been collected by the Thought Section of the Procurator's Office of the Tokyo District Court to substantiate the charges of fabrication and circulation of rumours laid against Mr. Young, irrespective of whether Mr. Young will recognize it or not."

Mr. Young was arrested on Jan. 21 at the Imperial Hotel.

SWEDEN DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME BATTLEFIELD OF EUROPE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Havas)—M. Cestersroen, Leader of the Swedish Populist Party, branded as unjust the anti-Swedish attacks launched by the foreign press and added: "The Swedish Government is fully supported by Parliament in its endeavour to prevent the Western War or the Soviet-Finnish conflict from being shifted to the Nordic countries. We do not want to become Europe's battlefield."

Government had been able to arrange for the supply of more coal for Italy now.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that no doubt that would be the subject of further discussion.

DEATH OF SIR HARRY ROBERT BOYD

Formerly In Business In China

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The death is announced of Sir Harry Robert Boyd, K.C.V.O., C.V.O., C.B.E., O.B.E., Ceremonial Secretary to the Home Office since 1925 and Registrar of the Baronetage since 1932, at the age of 64.

Born on Feb. 13, 1876, he was educated at Halesbury and St. Pauls. From 1899 to 1911 he was engaged in business in Shanghai and was awarded the China Medal in 1900.

In 1914, he was attached to the Ministry of Finance in 1914 and was awarded the Order of the Excellent Crop.

RETURN TO ENGLAND
Returning to England, he served as assistant Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs from 1915 to 1917 and in 1917 was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of National Service and Assistant Secretary the following year.

In 1919 he was attached to the War Cabinet (Rehabilitation of Trade Section) and from 1919 to 1925 was Assistant Private Secretary to successive Secretaries of State, Mr. Shortt, Viscount Bridgeman, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and Viscount Brentford.

In 1935 he was made Joint-Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Committee and also served as a member of the Coronation Executive Committee.

He was married in 1922 to Lady Ada Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, daughter of the 8th Duke of Leeds and widow of the Hon. William Hugh Spencer Wentworth-Fitzwilliam.

British Ship Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The British steamer Chevreton, 3,000 tons, sank in the North Sea yesterday, following an explosion. Her crew of twenty-one were saved.

NAZI CREW

SANTO DOMINGO, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The captain and thirty-seven of the crew of the German steamer Hanover, which was set on fire by her own crew, when intercepted in Mona Channel by a British cruiser, have landed on the coast. Fifty-five other members of the crew are believed to have been picked up by the cruiser.

NAZI SHIP SET AFIRE BY CREW

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Another Nazi ship was lost when the German steamer Hanover (5,500 tons) was set on fire by her own crew.

She was intercepted by a British cruiser between the West Indies islands of San Domingo and Puerto Rico.

GREEK STEAMER SUNK

LISBON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—It is reported that the Greek steamer Alexandros was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Portugal.

LIFEBOAT TO AID

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—On the south-west coast of England, a lifeboat which had been at sea for 39 hours during the week-end was launched again today to go to the aid of a Greek steamer which was reported to have been mined and sunk.

It is stated that two other steamers rescued the crew.

"SACRIFICES IN BLOOD AND MONEY"

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—The Foreign Office spokesman, referring to the charges against Japan of aggression, declared: "It is a very big question, but Japan cannot be arraigned before the bar of public opinion for alleged aggression and invasion."

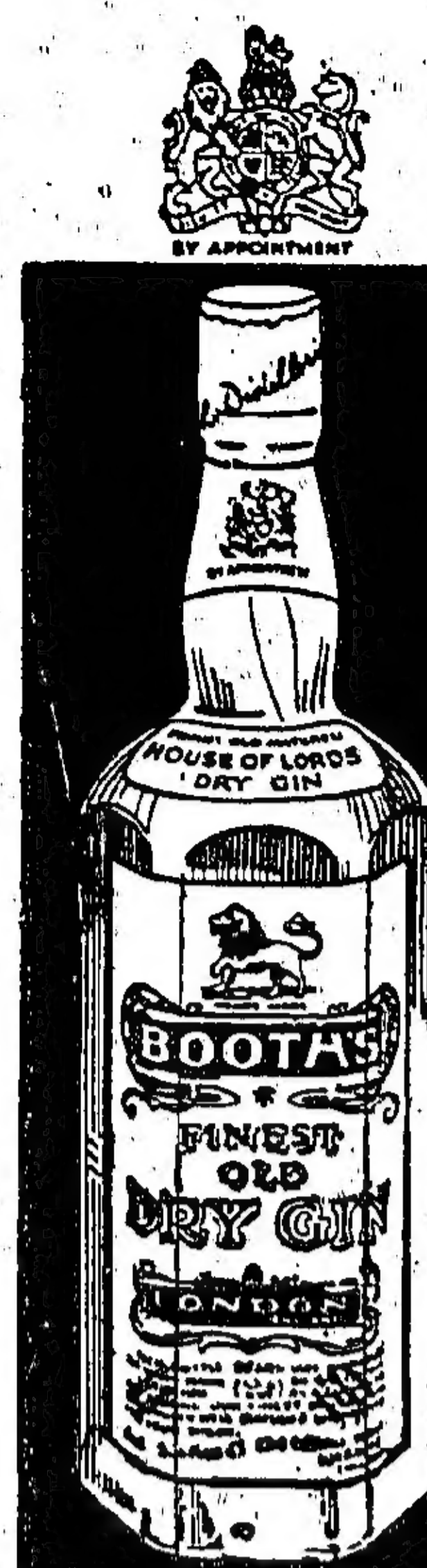
"Japan has made enormous sacrifice in blood and money before the altar of peace since the China Affair started, but we demand no territory or indemnity from China in readjusting relations between the two countries."

5 MINERS KILLED: 20 INJURED

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Five were killed and over 20 seriously injured at Moston Colliery, Manchester, today when a number of waggon used for carrying miners to the coal face got out of control and crashed down a 800-foot incline.

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JAPANESE MAKE ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON TENGHAI, EAST OF SWATOW

KWEILIN, MAR. 11 (CENTRAL)—REINFORCED JAPANESE FORCES LAUNCHED ANOTHER ATTACK ON TENGHAI, at the mouth of the Han River, 12 miles east of Swatow, during the week-end and were again repulsed by Chinese forces, who are now chasing the invaders fleeing towards Swatow.

Tenghai was first evacuated by the Chinese last September and retaken early this month.

FIERCE ATTACK
FANCHENG, HUPEH, Mar. 11 (Central)—Japanese forces south of Suhsien, in North Hupeh, suffered a crushing defeat on March 8 after a four-day sanguinary battle. Over 1,400 Japanese are reported to have been killed.

The invaders, based at Suhsien, Sihou, Maping and Pinglingssu, commenced a fierce attack on the Chinese positions at Loyangtien, Kwanchwangtien and Hochiatien, south of Suhsien, on March 4. With the arrival of heavy reinforcements, the Chinese counter-attacked and succeeded in putting the enemy to rout.

Fierce combats have also been raging at Chinchashan, Yingchou-shan and the vicinity in north Hupeh with the Chinese on the upper hand. The Japanese were assisted by planes and have called up heavy reinforcements.

SHIP SUNK

KINHWAI, Mar. 11 (Central)—The Japanese ship Kameyama Maru, commandeered by the Japanese naval authorities as a transport, was sunk at an undisclosed point off the Chekiang coast by Chinese shore batteries early this month. It was announced here today.

The Kameyama was carrying a heavy consignment of ammunition and food supplies from Formosa.

MOVE AGAINST SZE YAP
SHUMCHUN, Mar. 11 (Int'l)—After overrunning Chungshan county, Japanese bluejackets are attempting to move against Sze Yap district by proceeding along the Tolshan Highway.

It is reported that Madame Wang Ching-wei, better known as Chen Pi-chun, paid a visit to Shekhi on Sunday and has recommended to Vice-Admiral Shiro Takasu, commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in South China, that one of Wang Ching-wei's men should be appointed as puppet magistrate of Chungshan county.

Puppet Mayor Joins Wang "Government"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Fu Siao-en, "Mayor" of the City Government of Shanghai, has joined the new "Government" to be formed under Wang Ching-wei, states the Hwa Mei Wan Pao.

NEW OFFICE

Mayor Fu, says the paper has been given the post of Minister of Communications in the new "Government."

Dr. Chu Min-ti, Secretary-General of the so-called "Orthodox" Kuomintang, the report concludes, will succeed Fu as Mayor of Shanghai.

Wang Fears Guerillas

SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—It is reported that Wang Ching-wei left yesterday for Nanking to attend the final meeting of the recently formed Central Political Council, according to the Evening Post.

Wang Ching-wei departed for Nanking on a ship accompanied by five warships of the "reformed government."

The danger of making the journey by rail owing to the frequent guerilla attacks is believed to have prompted the river journey.

"GRACEFULLY RETURNED"

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—In making a radio address, the Chief Staff officer of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China said that the entire area of Japanese occupied territory would be "gracefully returned" to the new Japanese-sponsored Central Government organized under Wang Ching-wei.

"FINLAND'S CAUSE IS OUR CAUSE": SYMPATHY FOR FINNS IS REAFFIRMED BY SWEDEN: SUGGESTIONS OF PRESSURE DENIED

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—Sweden's sympathy for Finland was expressed yesterday by Prince Gustav Adolf, son of the Swedish Crown Prince, at the funeral of Colonel Dynsen, Commander of the Swedish Volunteers in Finland, who was killed at the front.

Colonel Dynsen, said Prince Gustav, died on the battlefield in the just cause of Finland. His sacrifice must inspire all of them to follow his example.

Prince Gustav then echoed the saying now current in Sweden: "Finland's cause is our cause."

The Swedish Foreign Minister and the Finnish Minister to Stockholm were present at the funeral.

PRESSURE DENIED

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—A statement read, over the Swedish Radio, yesterday, emphatically denies the suggestions (which, it says, emanated from France) that Sweden is exercising

pressure on Finland to conclude a dishonourable peace.

As already defined, Swedish policy is to maintain neutrality in the war between the Allies and Germany and to assist Finland to the best of her ability, without compromising that neutrality.

IMPORTANT FACTOR

Swedish assistance was an important factor to Finnish resistance before other countries' aid became effective.

ALLIES PREPARED TO AID FINLAND

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter)—In the House of Commons today, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced that the British and French Governments had already informed the Finnish Government that they are prepared, in response to appeals from them for further aid, to proceed immediately and jointly to help Finland, using all available resources at their disposal.

The statement concluded with a question: "Do the French accusations signify that the principal interest on their side is to make the northern countries the theatre of war between the Allies and Germany?"

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PARADES

Mar. 14, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All ranks. Squad and rifle drill. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps, webbing belts, frogs and slings.

Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. D.E.I. personnel. Miniature Range. Dress: Optional.

5th A.A. Battery

Mar. 14, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. All ranks.

Field Company Engineers

Mar. 14, K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Technical training by Sections.

Corps Signals

Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training—instruments.

Mobile Column

Armoured Car Platoon: Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class, instruments.

B Class, stoppages.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon: Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Map reading and message writing.

No. 1 Company

Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.

No. 2 Company

Mar. 14, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Lecture by O.C. Coy. 6.15 p.m. Pay parade for Camp. Pay.

No. 3 Company

Mar. 14, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Belts for revolver drill will be brought.

Mar. 17, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Peak Range. Musketry.

No. 4 Company

Mar. 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. instruction. Lesson 10. I.A.

Mar. 17, Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. L.G. Course. Table D. Range Officer, Lt. C. Austin.

No. 7 Company

Mar. 14, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. Revision of loading, unloading and immediate action.

Mar. 17, Stonecutters. L.G. Classification. Table D. Dress—Muff. equipment must be worn when firing. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 8.30 a.m. Kowloon Pier, 8.40 a.m.

Army Service Corps Company

Mar. 14, Kowloon Bus Coy. Garage. Castle Peak Road, 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Dress: Muff. Transport will leave Star Ferry (Kowloon) at 5.20 p.m.

TRANSFERS

Pte. F. O. Reed from No. 3 Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 12.2.40.

Pte. R. J. Sherwood from A.S.C. Coy. to Fd. Coy. Engrs., 1.3.40. C.Q.M.S. H. J. Millington from Fd. Coy. Engrs. to Unit Res., 6.3.40. L/C T. J. McCluskie-Beattie from No. 2 Coy. to M.M.G. Pl., 8.3.40.

LEAVE

L/Bdr. C. F. Marshall, 5th A.A. Bty., 8.1.40 to 15.8.40.

Sgt. E. Newton, Pay Section, 1.3.40 to 28.2.41.

Cpl. J. V. Ramsay, No. 2 Coy., 8.3.40 to 8.12.40.

Gnr. E. Landau, 1st Bty., 8.3.40 to 29.3.40.

Dmr. W. R. Forsyth, No. 2 Coy., 10.3.40 to 9.9.40.

Pte. V. E. Ferrier, A.S.C. Coy., 12.3.40 to 18.3.40.

Gnr. G. H. Gompertz, 1st Bty., 15.3.40 to 14.5.40.

Pte. G. Henderson, No. 2 Coy., 1.4.40 to 1.1.41.

Pte. G. M. Britto, No. 5 Coy., 18.4.39 to 17.9.39.

2/Lt. D. L. Prophet, No. 2 Coy., 1.5.40 to 31.12.40.

Lt. E. M. Bryden, No. 2 Coy., 1.5.40 to 31.12.40.

L/Cpl. J. E. Sturgeon, No. 2 Coy., 8.5.40 to 29.3.40.

Pte. W. S. V. Curtis, A.S.C. Coy., 11.3.40 to 10.12.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Gnr. G. Y. M. Young, 4th Bty., 8.11.39.

Pte. W. A. A. Fergusson, No. 1 Coy. Res., 18.1.40.

Pte. A. Lau, No. 3 Coy., 18.1.40.

Pte. W. R. McCracken, No. 2 Coy., 25.1.40.

Pte. K. A. Munro, No. 2 Coy., 31.1.40.

Gnr. L. de C. Bleghynden, 1st Bty., 3.2.40.

L/Cpl. V. P. Komaroff, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 5.2.40.

Gnr. A. R. J. White, 1st Bty., 7.2.40.

Gnr. J. G. Marshall, 5th A.A. Bty., 21.2.40.

Pte. E. J. Cowie, No. 1 Coy., 24.2.40.

Pte. D. de S. Carey, No. 1 Coy., 24.2.40.

Pte. D. R. Lyen, Fd. Amb., 8.3.40.

PROMOTION

Cpl. W. J. Woolley, Pay Section to be Sgt., 8.3.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Gnr. J. Tausz, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 22.2.40.

Gnr. W. J. B. Carter, 2nd Bty., 1.3.40.

E. N. THURSBY (Captain), Adjutant. H.K.V.D. Corps.



Picture above is of the cortege of the late Dr. Tsai Yuanpei, President of the Academia Sinica, who died on March 5, and below are shown former students of the Peking University paying their last respects to the deceased at the South China Athletic Association stadium at Caroline Hill. (Photos by New China News Photo Service).

WEEK'S SHIPPING LOSSES HEAVIEST SINCE WAR BEGAN

Shipping losses for the week ended midnight February 19 were the heaviest in tonnage since the war began.

Five British ships, of 39,276 tons gross, and 15 neutrals, of 48,801 tons gross, were lost, making a grand total of 20 vessels of 88,077 tons.

Of the 15 neutrals, 13 were sunk by enemy submarines.

On the other hand, U-boats have been hunted with increased success. At least four were destroyed in six days. This does not include the submarine bombed by an R.A.F. plane last week.

24 CAPTURED

As already announced, two enemy merchant ships, the Morea and the Rostock, have been captured recently, as well as a trawler the Herrlichkeit. This brings the total of enemy ships captured to 24, of 93,581 tons gross.

In addition, 28 German vessels of 152,891 tons gross have been sunk, mostly through scuttling. No account is taken in these figures of the Altmark.

Only one ship was lost in convoy last week; this was the tanker British Triumph, which struck a mine. Only two neutral ships, one of which was mined, have been sunk while under British escort since the war began.

In the week under review 160 neutral vessels were escorted without loss. Ships of all nationalities escorted in British convoys now total 8,969.

Nineteen—or one in 472—were lost.

GERMAN NEED OF RUSSIAN OIL

Search For Means Of Conveyance

It is reported from Constanza that Germany has on foot a scheme to get Russian oil by way of Rumania.

The details of this scheme are necessarily obscure as the plans are still in the paper stage and known only to the few German experts who have recently been visiting Constanza.

It is said, however, that the Germans are studying the possibility of erecting at Constanza pumps to draw oil from tankers arriving from Batumi, and other Russian ports, and even of building a pipeline to a convenient Danube port or to a railway in the interior of Rumania.

At present there are in Constanza pumps for loading tankers, and the existing pipeline is from the oilfields to Constanza, but there is no provision for traffic going the other way.

The Germans are also reported to be investigating the question of whether it is practicable to use special pumping vessels at Galatz and other Rumanian ports which

German Pressure On Rumania

It is reported that Germany is bringing pressure to bear on Rumania to make sure that she gets the oil which Rumania has promised her, by withholding supplies of German agricultural machinery and even stopping the agents in Rumania of German agricultural machinery manufacturers from delivering machinery which is already in Rumania.

It is rumoured that the Germans are to demand a fresh revaluation of the lei-Reichsmark exchange which they want fixed at 60 lei.

The German Government are also reported to be pressing the Rumanian Government to centralize the marketing of eggs in order to secure for Germany a larger share of Rumanian eggs exports.

The Rumanian Government were authorised by Royal Decree to impose duties on all exports, including those hitherto exempted from duty.

The first list of dutiable exports includes many products exported in large quantities to Germany, such as oleaginous products, on which export duties of up to 23 per cent are levied, and petroleum products, the duty on which is 13 per cent.

The proceeds of the new duties are to go towards Rumanian rearmament.—(The Times).

serve both the sea and the Danube for the trans-shipment of oil from sea-going to river vessels.

The latest estimate of the oil transport capacity of the Danube is 800,000 tons a year. The Rumanian railways are thought to be capable of carrying 200,000-300,000 tons a year.

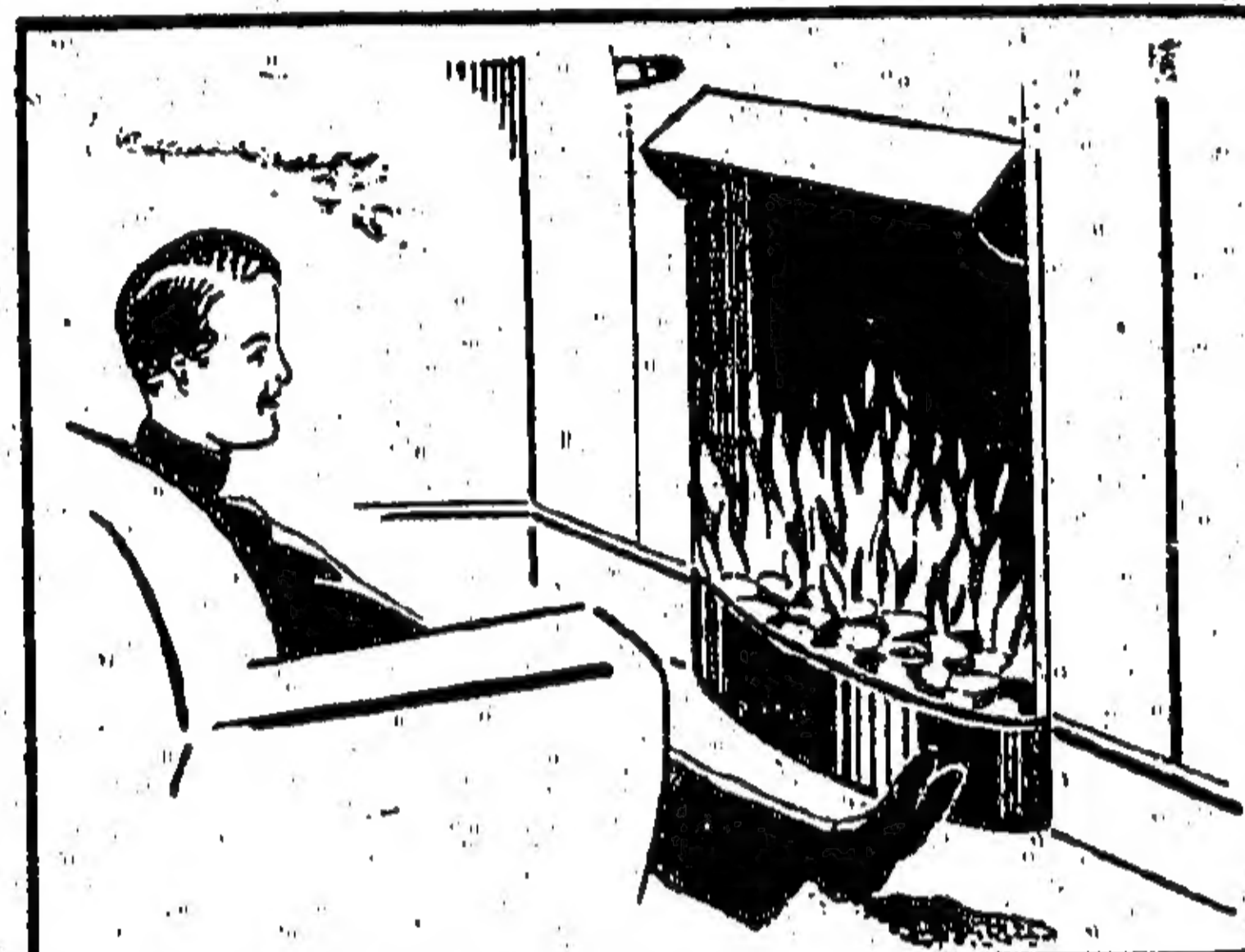
As the Rumanians have promised the Germans some 2,000,000 tons of oil in 1940 it looks as if the Germans will have either to content themselves with less or to insist on the reorganization of Rumanian transport.

A well-known Rumanian business man stated that German importers from Rumania are refusing to have their goods consigned via the Oraseni-Beuthen route over Russian Poland, as whole trains appear to have been lost or "diverted," although this was denied in Germany and Russia.—(The Times).

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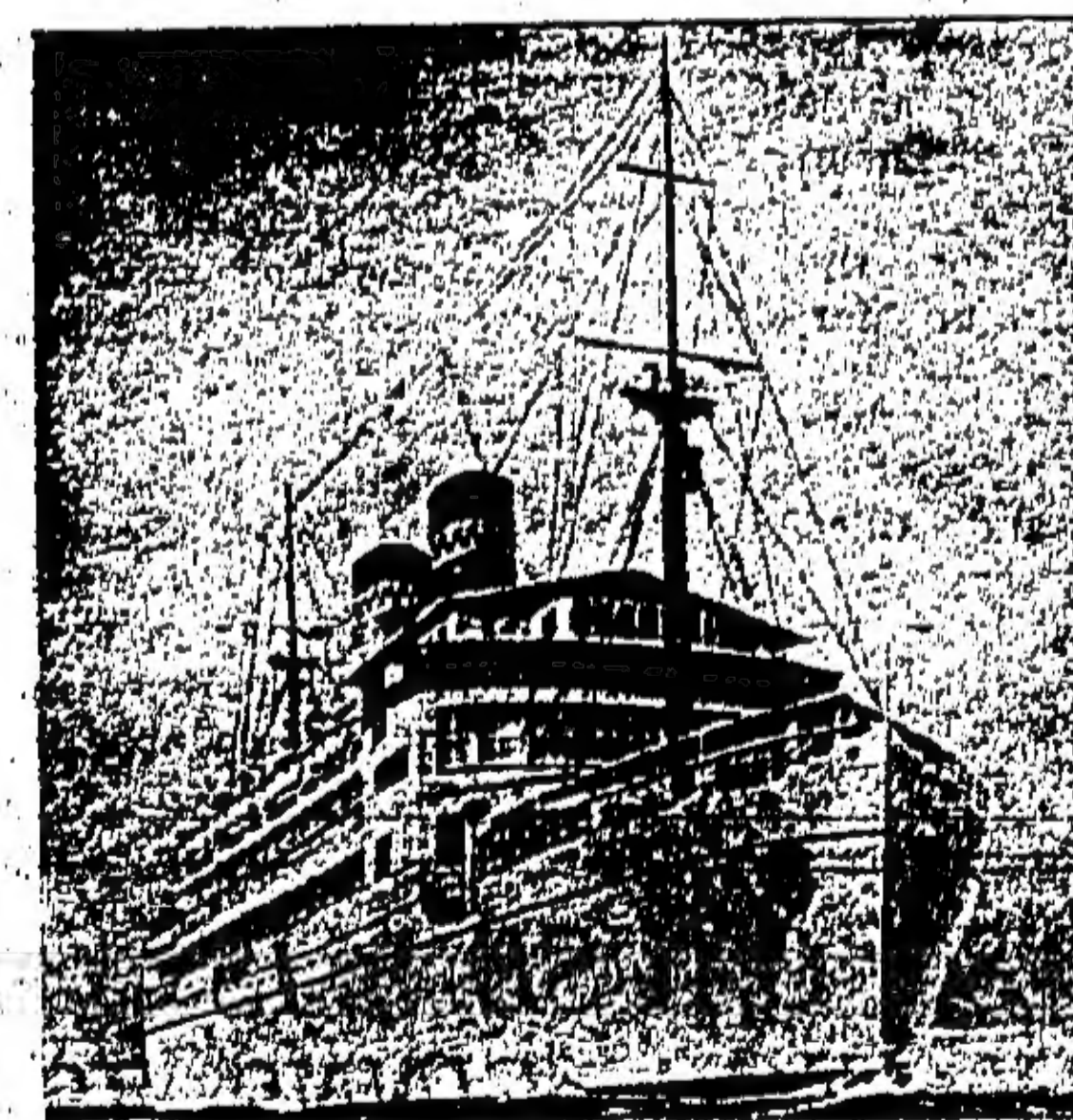
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Could Not Face Evacuation

Upset because he had received his evacuation papers to go with the rest of his office to a Northern town, Sidney Arthur Steel, 24, a Civil servant, of St. Philip's-place, Paddington, instead of going to his office in Whitehall, jumped 160ft from the roof garden of an Oxford-street store.

These facts were disclosed at the inquest at Paddington, when Mr. H. Nevill Stafford, the Coroner, recorded a verdict that Steel took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed owing to ill-health.

Mr. Arthur Benjamin Steel said that last May his son acted strangely at the office, went to Stanley Hospital as a voluntary patient and stayed there two months.

Mr. Steel said that his son returned to his office where he received his evacuation papers, which seemed to upset him, and left home ostensibly to go to his work.

"My son was a great sportsman," added Mr. Steel, "a fine cricketer and tennis player. He had been table tennis champion of the Civil Service."

"He had had a brilliant career at school, and we put down his mental derangement to the heavy reading and intensive study he had made."

PACKED HOUSE FOR BERG

There were surprising crowd scenes at the Devonshire Club, Hackney, when Jack (Kid) Berg, the "Stepney" welter-weight, met Harry Davis, of Bethnal Green, in a 10-round bout. The doors were closed nearly an hour before the programme was due to begin, and for some time afterwards several hundreds of people clamoured outside.

Berg won on points one of the fiercest fights seen at Hackney for many years. The verdict had a mixed reception, but it was well deserved.

After three rounds Davis's better boxing had earned a slight lead, but not all his skill could keep the relentless Berg at bay.

NATIONAL RIVALS

MISS PAGET'S ENTRIES

Ivor Anthony and his brother, Owen, between them have entered seven horses for the Grand National, which is to be run at Aintree on April 5. Ivor's candidates are Royal Mail, who won the race in 1937, The Uplifter and Milano. Owen has nominated Kilstar, Roman Hackle, John Chairman and Le Cygne, all of whom belong to Miss Dorothy Paget.

Kilstar started favourite for the National last year, but found Workman and Macmoffat too good for him.

Owen Anthony, who saddled Music Hall to win the National in 1922, thought that Kilstar had a wonderful chance at the weights last March. "Too good to be true," was how he described it before the race. He was right, but Kilstar might well have won if he had not blundered at Becher's the second time.

Royal Mail was owned by the late Mr. Hugh Lloyd-Thomas when he won the race. Mrs. C. Evans bought the horse a couple of weeks before the 1938 National, in which he was pulled up after breaking a blood-vessel.

He completed the course, again carrying 12st 7lb, last March, and will make another bold bid if the handicapper does not treat him too harshly.

Ivor Anthony also won the race in 1933 with Kellsboro Jack, owned by Mr. F. Ambrose Clark, to whom belongs The Uplifter. Mr. Clark is an American, as is Mr. Louis Stoddard, the owner of Milano. Mr. Stoddard is an accomplished amateur rider and a good polo player.

He rode Milano at Aintree last year, the horse coming down at the fence after Becher's the second time round. The Uplifter, too, has had previous experience of the course.

Berg subsequently scored heavily with right hooks to the head and right swings to the body, but he also took considerable punishment to the face from Davis's left.

In the last round it became a question of endurance. Berg lasted wonderfully well.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

| MONDAY 11. MAR. | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Buyers | Sellers | Size | Nominal | Buyers | Sellers | Size | Nominal |
| Banks | | | | | | | |
| \$1480 | \$1470 | 2934 | H.K. Bank | \$1480 | \$1480 | \$1470 | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Do. (Col. Reg.) | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Do. (Lon. Reg.) | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Chartered Bank | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Mercantile Bk. "A" | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Mercantile Bk. "C" | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | Bank of East Asia | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| ... | ... | ... | N. C. & S. Bank | ... | ... | ... | 2934 |
| Insurance | | | | | | | |
| \$997 1/2 | \$985 | ... | Canton Insurance | \$480 | \$500 | \$490 | \$227 1/2 |
| ... | ... | ... | Union Insurance | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Underwriters | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Fire | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Shipping | | | | | | | |
| \$115 | ... | ... | Douglas | \$115 | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Steamships | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Indo-China (Prof.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Indo-China (Def.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Shells | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Waterboats | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. & K. Wharves | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Providents | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Providents (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. & W. Docks | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Shanghai Docks & New Engineering B. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mining | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | Kallans | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Ranb | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Yanacoba Gold Mine | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Hong Kong Mines | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Buildings | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Hotels | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Lands | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Do. & Devel. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Shanghai Lands B. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Realities | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Humphreys | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Chinese Estates | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Cotton Mills | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Ewo (S.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | S'hai Cottons (S.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Zong Sings (S.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Wing On Textiles (S.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Public Utilities | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | Tramways | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Peak Trans. (old) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Peak Trans. (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Star Ferries | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Yamat Ferries | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Do. (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | China Lights (O) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... | China Lights (S.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Electric | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Macao Electric | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Sandakan Lights | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Telephones (old) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... | Tramways (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Industrials | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Canton Iron | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Cement | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Ropes | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | Dairy Farm (Old) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Dairy Farm (New) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Ch. & S. (New) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Constructions (old) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Constructions (new) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Lane Crawford | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Nanyang Tobacco | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Sinco | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Watsons | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. G. 5% 1925 G.Bds. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Govt. 4% Loans | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loans | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | H.K. Wing On | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | S'hai Wing On | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Vibro Piling | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Marmans Inv. (Lon.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Marmans Inv. (H.K.) | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | Wm. Powells | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | *Sales to Shanghai | ... | ... | ... | ... |

Finance and Commerce

H.K. ELECTRIC CO. LTD. REPORT FOR 1939

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the fifty-first ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., to be held at P. & O. Building, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 21.

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$2,944,480.39 after allowing for Depreciation. Of this amount \$800,000 has been appropriated for the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on September 7, 1939.

Your Directors recommend that the Balance available for appropriation amounting to \$2,344,480.39 be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share on 600,000 shares \$900,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share on 600,000 shares 450,000.00
To place to Reserve 400,000.00
To carry forward to next Account 594,480.39
\$2,344,480.39

Directors.—During the year the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. D. F. Landale was appointed in his place. Mr. Landale resigned on Mr. Paterson's return and Mr. Paterson was re-appointed. In accordance with Article 122 The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson retires and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

In accordance with Article 130 the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

In view of the expansion of the Company's business it is thought that the Company should increase the remuneration of the Directors which, under Article 123 of the Articles of Association, is set at \$10,000 and a resolution to increase this sum to \$18,000 will be placed before the meeting.

Auditors.—The Auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davis retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Hongkong Banks & Unions are a steady market and in good demand. The former at \$1,480 after shares changing hands at \$1,475 and \$1,477, and the latter business done at \$485 and in both cases shares still wanted. Docks have strengthened to \$23, and at the close enquiries were broadening over the list generally.

BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1,480.
Union Ins., \$485.
Providents, \$5.05.
Lands, \$38 1/2.
Star Ferries, \$66 1/2.
China Lights (Old), \$9.10.
Telephones (Old), \$28 1/2.
Ropes, \$5.80.
Watsons, \$9.45.

SELLERS

Providents, \$5.
China Lights (Old), \$8.40.
Ropes, \$5.80.

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1,475/77 1/2.
Union Ins., \$485.
Docks, \$23.
Providents, \$5.10.
Lands, \$38 1/2.
Tramways, \$18.
Cements, \$19.10.
Ropes, \$5.80.
Watsons, \$9.60.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 18s, Antamok 14s, Bagulo Gold 23s, Batong Buhay 012s, Big Wedge 20s, Coco Grove 12s, Consolidated Mines 0035s, Demonstration 12s, L.X.L. 34s, Ipo Gold 10s, Itogon Mining 24s, Maabate Con. 09s, Mine Operations 09 1/2s, Paracale Gummaus 20s, San Mauricio 79s, Surigao Con. 20s, Suyoc Con. 13s, Syndicate Investment, 02b, United Paracale 28 1/2s, Mindanao Mother-lode 09 1/2s.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, Mar. 11, 1940

| | | |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| A. S. Watsons | 500 | \$9.60 |
| H.K. Banks | 500 | 9.65 |
| H.K. Docks | 10 | 1,480.00 |
| H.K. Tramways | 100 | 23.00 |
| H.K. Lands | 100 | 38.25 |
| Yamat Ferries | 100 | 28.50 |
| Ropes | 1,000 | 5.80 |
| United Paracales | 10,000 | Ps. 25 |
| | | 13,792 |

The total value is \$83,081.00 and Ps. 2,600.00.

Factories Removed To Szechwan Worth Millions

More than 150 factories with a total capitalization of well over \$200,000,000 have been assisted in one way or another by the Ministry of Economic Affairs in their removal from coastal and Central China to Szechwan Province. Many others are still moving to Szechwan. To all such industrial plants the ministry gives every possible assistance in removing them and in restoring their productive power in the inland with the least delay.

Meanwhile, the Industrial and Mining Adjustment Commission of the Ministry, which has been mainly responsible for saving part of China's industry from destruction or from Japanese occupation, is paying undivided attention to the development of new enterprises. One of the commission's programmes is to promote cotton spinning and weaving.

Plans are already under way for establishing 38 small-scale spinning and weaving factories in Szechwan and 50 others in Shensi with a view to meeting part of the needs of Free China.

Additionally, the commission has launched an elaborate scheme to develop mechanical and chemical industries by giving financial and technical assistance to private enterprises.

The Industrial and Mining Adjustment Commission and the National Resources Commission have been the two most active organizations in the Ministry of Economic Affairs during the war. The role of the former is chiefly to help private enterprises to produce more and better goods and services for the interest of the people and of the nation.

The job of the latter is mainly to develop the rich untapped resources in the rear and to build up heavy industries having a direct bearing on national defence.—(C. I. C.)

IRON & STEEL WORKS IN CHINA TO REGISTER

KUNMING, Mar. 11.—All iron and steel factories as well as workshops in China and persons possessing iron and steel Committee, which is formed by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of War with the purpose of conserving raw materials and eliminating waste. After registration those desiring to buy or transport iron or steel will be required to apply to the Committee for permits, shipments made without permits will be liable to confiscation.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.'S 1939 REPORT

It is officially learned that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 4, the payment on account of the year 1939, of a dividend of \$11 per share, absorbing \$440,000; to pass \$100,000 to credit of Reinsurance Fund and \$129,429.78 to credit of Investment & Exchange Fluctuation Account; carrying forward \$653,596.82 in respect of the year 1939.

BONDS DRAWN IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central).—Some \$3,400,000 in principal will be repaid to holders as the result of the drawing of five Government Internal Loan Bonds on March 9 in Shanghai. The bonds include the 25th Year Consolidation Bonds B, 17th Year Long-term Currency Bonds, 24th Year Telegraph Bonds, 25th Year Kwangtung Currency Readjustment Bonds, and the 28th Year Kwangtung River Conservancy Gold Dollar Bonds.

With the exception of the Consolidation B Bonds, which will be repayable on July 31 next, all drawn bonds will become due on March 31, next.

TERMINAL NOS.

Terminals of the bonds drawn are as follows:

- (1) Consolidation Bonds B: 018, 144, 231, 398, 423, 538, 628, 643, 788, 851, 820, and 910.
- (2) Currency Bonds: 021, 051, 126, 182, 184, 222, 230, 243, 337, 372, 375, 441, 458, 583, 587, 629, 619, 755, 787, 747, 774, 832, 958, and 982.
- (3) Telegraph Bonds: 06, 12, 31, and 52.
- (4) Kwangtung Currency Bonds: 55.
- (5) Kwangtung Conservancy Bonds: 12 and 30.



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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS' SERVICE)

London, March 8. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

| | | | |
|---|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952) | 99-9/16 | Chosen Corporation | 6/8 |
| Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% | 15 | Pekin Syndicate | 1/8 |
| Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) | 59 | S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. | 15 |
| Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 | 51 1/2 | S'hai Waterworks "A" | 18 |
| Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 | 50 | Union Insurance | 28 |
| Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) | 29 | Gula Kalumpung Rubber | 21/10 1/2 |
| Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912 | 40 | Asso. & Elec. Industries | 14 |
| Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) | 10 1/2 | Austin Motors, ord. | 42/7 1/2 |
| Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan | 55 | Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. | 61 |
| Honan Rly. 5% | 15 | B.-A. Tob. (bearer) | 103/1 1/2 |
| Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911-19 | 19 | Mexican Eagle | 12-5/8 |
| Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) | 17 | Camell Laird, ord. | 7/9 |
| Lung T'ang & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 | 13 | Mexican Eagle | 6/7 1/2 |
| S'hai-N'King Rly. 5% | 20 | Courtaulds | 38/6 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) | 13 | Dunlop Rubber | 34/4 1/2 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) | 13 | Gen. Electric (England) | 82/1 1/2 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 13 | Guinness (A) Son & Co. | 79/8 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 13 | Hawker Siddeley Airc. . | 14/3 |
| Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907 | 55 | Bristol Aeroplane | 18 |
| Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 | 57 | Imperial Chemical Ind. | 32/6 |
| Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 | 74 | Imperial Tobacco | 125 |
| Chartered Bank (Reg.) | 94 | Marks & Spencer "A" ord. | 52/6 |
| H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) | 93 1/2 | Rolls Royce | 92/8 |
| H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) | 92 1/2 | Leyland Motors | 15/7 1/2 |
| Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) | 18/6 | Tate & Lyle | 54/10 1/2 |
| | | Turner & Newall | 67/1 1/2 |
| | | United Steel | 23/3 |
| | | Smethwick Drop Forg. | 15 |
| | | Armstrong Stevens, ord. | 5 |
| | | Pressed Steel, com. | 17 |
| | | Vickers, ord. | 20/3 |
| | | Woolworths | 64/9 |
| | | Anglo-Dutch | 25/3 |
| | | Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust | 34/3 |
| | | Burma Corporation | 10 |
| | | Commonwealth Mining | — |
| | | Marsman Investments | 14/9 |
| | | Randfontein Estates | 40 |
| | | Western Holdings | 16 |
| | | Sub-Nigel | 186/3 |
| | | Tanami Gold Mining | 6d. |
| | | Anglo-Iranian | 54/4 1/2 |
| | | Burmah | 71/3 |
| | | Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) | 78/9 |
| | | *Nominal | — |



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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MARCH 11, 1940

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| On London: | |
| Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/32 | |
| Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 25/32 | |
| Credits 4 months sight 1/2 25/32 | |
| On Shanghai: | |
| On demand | 350 |
| On Singapore: | |
| On demand | 59 3/8 |
| On Japan: | |
| On demand | 101 |
| On India: | |
| Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/32 | |
| and demand | 101 |
| On New York: | |
| Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/4 | |
| Credits, 60 days sight 24 3/8 | |
| On Batavia: | |
| On demand | 44 1/4 |
| On Paris: | |
| Bank Bills, on demand 106 3/4 | |
| Credits 4 months sight 113 7/8 | |
| On Saigon: | |
| On demand | 108 |
| On Manila: | |
| On demand | 47 1/2 |
| On Bangkok: | |
| On demand | 160 1/2 |
| On Sterling Notes: | |
| Bank Buying Rate | 1/32 1/32 |
| Bar Silver per oz. | 31 5/16 |

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 21.5/16 for Ready and 21.1/4 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 387. Market

Somewhat uncertain at the opening but subsequently remained steady all day.

Business was reported during the course of the morning at 1/2, 27/32 for June. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2, 27/32 March/April, buyers at 1/2, 27/8 Cash and 1/2, 27/32 June.

U.S. Dollars
Business was arranged at 24 3/4 for June followed by a small transaction at 24.13/16 1st half June. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23.15/16 possibly for Cash, 23.7/8 March and 23.15/16 April, buyers at 24 Cash, 23.15/16 April and 23.7/8 May.

Shanghai Dollars
Business was done at 357.1/4. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 357.1/4, buyers bidding 357.1/2.

Shanghai Market
Steady. Sellers were indicated at 49/64 and 6.1/16 for near.

AFTERNOON MARKET
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling
The market closed with sellers at 1/2, 27/32 March/May, buyers at 1/2, 27/8 Cash and probably 1/2, 27/32 June.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 23.15/16 Cash, probably March, 23.15/16 April and 23.3/4 May, buyers at 24 for Cash, 23.15/16 April and 23.15/16 first half June.

Shanghai Dollars
357.1/4 sellers for Spot.
Shanghai Market
49/64 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

| Official T.T. Rates | |
|---|----------|
| Shanghai, Mar. 11 (Reuter). | |
| London | 0/4 |
| New York | 8-7/16 |
| Japan | 22-1/4 |
| India | 22-1/8 |
| Paris | 2.95 |
| Hongkong | 24-3/4 |
| Sellers | |
| Spot | 0/4-9/64 |
| Mar. | 0/4-1/8 |
| Apr. | 0/4-5/64 |
| U.S. Dollars | |
| Spot | 30-21/32 |
| Mar. | 8-5/8 |
| Apr. | 6-17/32 |
| Market | Quiet |
| Merchant Rates | |
| Sterling | 0/4-1/8 |
| U.S. Dollars | 30-5/8 |
| Silver Duty Rate | |
| The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24. | |
| The Equalisation rate was 12-1/4 per cent. | |

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

| SINGAPORE RUBBER | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Previous | March 9 |
| Closing | Opening |
| Buyers | Buyers |
| S P O T | 38-7/8 38-3/4 38-5/8 off 1/4 |
| APRIL-JUNE | 38-7/8 38-3/4 38-7/8 unch. |
| JULY-SEPT. | 35-1/8 35 35-1/8 |
| The market was quiet but steady. | |
| LONDON RUBBER | |
| Previous close | Today's close |
| Buyers | Buyers |
| S P O T | 12-1/8 |
| APRIL | 12-1/16 |
| MAY | 11-7/8 |
| JUNE | 11-5/8 |
| JULY-SEPT. | 11-1/2 |
| OCT.-DEC. | 11-1/4 |

NEW YORK COTTON: Southern selling and scattered liquidation was absorbed by broad Trade and Japanese demand. It is hinted that higher Loan basis for next season's crop ranging from 50 to 70 per cent of "parity" might be able to secure sufficient adherents for passage in both Houses of Congress.

NEW YORK COPPER: Producers have raised the price of refined copper 1/4 of a cent a pound to the 11-1/2 cent level. Good foreign demand was noted.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market showed easiness in the early session despite continuation of cold weather throughout the belt. There was a good rally later on lack of offerings and dust storms in Kansas, where there are no indications of rain.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.07; Today's close 148.14; Change, up 07.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

| | High | Low | Prev. Close | Today's Close | Change |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| New York Cotton, May | 10.77 | 10.73 | 10.75 | 10.77 | .02 up |
| New York Rubber, May | 18.55 | 18.45 | 18.45 | 18.45 | unch. |
| Chicago Wheat, May | 104 1/2 | 102 1/2 | 102 1/2 | 104 1/2 | 1 1/2 up |
| Chicago Corn, May | 57 | 56 1/2 | 56 1/2 | 56 1/2 | unch. |
| New York Hides, June | 14.20 | 14.19 | 14.23b | 14.20 | .03 off |
| NEW YORK COTTON | | | | | |
| | Close | Opening | Closing | Change | |
| March | 10.97/98 | 10.97/98 | 10.98/98 | .10 up | |
| May | 10.75/75 | 10.78/75 | 10.77/77 | .02 up | |
| July | 10.40/40 | 10.41/41 | 10.42/42 | .02 up | |
| July (New contract) | 10.53 N | 10.54/54 | 10.55 N | .02 up | |
| October (") | 9.83/83 | 9.86/86 | 9.85/85 | .02 up | |
| December (") | 9.69 N | 9.71/71 | 9.72 N | .03 up | |
| January (") | 9.66 N | 9.66 B | 9.66 N | .03 up | |
| Spot | 11.03 N | | 11.03 N | .05 off | |
| Total sales Friday—51,800 bales. | | | | | |
| Last notice day for March cotton:—15/3/40. | | | | | |
| NEW YORK RUBBER | | | | | |
| March | 18.66/66 | — | 18.55/55 | .11 off | |
| May | 18.45/45 | 18.49/52 | 18.45/47 | unch. | |
| July | 18.34/34 | 18.35b/37a | 18.32/32 | .02 off | |
| September | 18.20b/23a | 18.25/25 | 18.35b/20a | .02 off | |
| December | 18.06b/07a | — | 18.06/06 | unch. | |
| Total sales—540 tons. | | | | | |
| Last trading day:—27/3/40. | | | | | |
| CHICAGO WHEAT | | | | | |
| May | 102 1/2/103 1/2 | 102 1/2/103 | 104/104 1/2 | 1 1/2 up | |
| July | 100 1/2/100 1/2 | 100 1/2/100 1/2 | 102/102 1/2 | 1 1/2 up | |
| September | 100 1/2/100 1/2 | — | 101 1/2/101 1/2 | 1 1/2 up | |
| Friday's sales 29,211,000 bushels. | | | | | |
| CHICAGO CORN | | | | | |
| May | 56 1/2/56 1/2 | 56 1/2/56 1/2 | 56 1/2/56 1/2 | 1 up | |
| July | 57 1/2/57 1/2 | — | 57 1/2/57 1/2 | 1 up | |
| September | 57 1/2/57 1/2 | — | 58/57 1/2 | 1 up | |
| WINNEPEG WHEAT | | | | | |
| May | 89 1/2/89 1/2 | 89 1/2/89 1/2 | 89 1/2/89 1/2 | 1 up | |
| July | 89 1/2/89 1/2 | — | 89 1/2/89 1/2 | 1 up | |
| October | 91 1/2/91 1/2 | — | 92 1/2/92 1/2 | 1 up | |
| NEW YORK HIDES | | | | | |
| June | 14.23b/25a | 14.20/19 | 14.20/20 | .03 off | |
| September | 14.50/50 | 14.42b/43a | 14.45b/47a | .05 off | |
| New York, Official | 34-3/4 | | 3.87 | | |

NAZI FEARS FOR IRON ORE

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.—Nazi spokesmen in Berlin gave their views yesterday and to-day on a possible interference with Germany's supplies of Swedish iron ore via the Norwegian port of Narvik.

German reaction to intervention by British warships would be, they stated, of a military nature. No details could be given, they added.

It might be regarded as certain, however, that Germany would redouble her watch on the northern States which were clearly threatened by a British attempt to force them to help in the blockade against Germany.

Doubts are now being expressed in Berlin as to whether the expected "great spring offensive" will actually materialise.

In military circles it is pointed out that Germany may commit a fatal mistake if she rushes into an early offensive in the hope of bringing about an illusory "quick finish." (Daily Telegraph.)

CHINESE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IN WEST CHEKIANG

KINHOA, March 11 (Central).—The Chekiang authorities are sagging an economic blockade against the Japanese in occupation of areas in west Chekiang.

Two offices for the enforcement of the blockade have been established in the first and second administrative districts with the inspecting commissioners as directors and regulations governing the blockade have been promulgated.

HUNAN BANK'S NEW POLICY

LEIYANG, HUNAN, Mar. 11 (Central).—At a recent meeting of the executives of the Hunan Provincial Bank, it was decided that interest rates will be raised in order to absorb the large amounts of idle capital in the province. Rural credits will be extended and commerce and trade assisted.

The Government economy savings campaign will be pushed by the Bank, which will also establish a number of new branches throughout the province.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

| STOCKS | Last Sale | Mar. 9 | STOCKS | Last Sale | Mar. 9 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Adams Express | 7 1/2 | | Lakey Foundry & Mac. | 4 1/2 | |
| Allegheny Steel Co. | 22 1/2 | | Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass | 50 | |
| Allied Stores | 8 1/2 | | Lockheed Aircraft | 30 1/2 | |
| Allis Chalmers | 37 | | Loew's Inc. | 35 1/2 | |
| Aluminum Ltd. | 106 1/2 | | Lott Incorporated | 29 1/2 | |
| Amer. Can. | 115 1/2 | | Mack Truck Inc. | 28 1/2 | |
| American Cyanamid B. | 38 1/2 | | Martin, Glen L. | 43 1/2 | |
| Amer. & Foreign Power | 1 1/2 | | McKesson & Robbins, pfd. | 24 1/2 | |
| Amer. Gas & Elec. | 34 | | Monsanto Chemical | 108 1/2 | |
| Amer. Locomotive | 21 | | Montgomery Ward | 54 1/2 | |
| Amer. Metals Co. | 24 | | National Aviation | 12 1/2 | |
| Amer. Radiator | 9 1/2 | | Nat. Dairy Products | 16 1/2 | |
| Amer. Rolling Mill | 15 | | Nat. Distillers | 25 | |
| Amer. Sugar Refining Co. | 49 1/2 | | National Gypsum | 11 1/2 | |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel. | 174 1/2 | | National Lead | 21 1/2 | |
| Amer. Tobacco "B" | 90 | | Nat. Power & Light | 7 1/2 | |
| Amer. Waterworks | 9 1/2 | | National Steel Corp. | 87 1/2 | |
| Anaconda Copper | 29 1/2 | | National Supply Corp. | 8 1/2 | |
| Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe. | 22 1/2 | | New York Central | 19 1/2 | |
| Auburn Motors | 1 1/2 | | Niagara Hudson Power | 5 1/2 | |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 5 1/2 | | N. American Aviation | 25 1/2 | |
| Barber Asphalt Co. | 15 1/2 | | North American Co. | 21 1/2 | |
| Barnsdall Oil | 11 | | Northern Pacific | 8 | |
| Bendix Aviation | 34 1/2 | | Owens-Illinois Glass Co. | 61 | |
| Bethlehem Steel | 70 1/2 | | Pacific Gas & Elec. | 33 1/2 | |
| Bills & Co. | 15 1/2 | | Pacific Lighting | 47 1/2 | |
| Boeing Airplane Co. | 23 1/2 | | Packard Motors | 32 | |
| Borg-Warner | 22 1/2 | | Pan-American Airways | 18 1/2 | |
| Bridgeport Brass Corp. | 10 1/2 | | Paramount Pictures | 7 1/2 | |
| Briggs Mfg. | 22 1/2 | | Pennsylvania R.R. | 22 1/2 | |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans. | 21 1/2 | | Phelps-Dodge | 38 | |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans. | 91 | | Phillips Petroleum | 38 1/2 | |
| Canadian Pacific Rwy. | 68 1/2 | | Pittsburg Coke & Iron | 7 1/2 | |
| Case, J.I. | 30 1/2 | | Public Service of N.J. | 41 1/2 | |
| Celanese | 30 1/2 | | Pullman Inc. | 26 1/2 | |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 39 1/2 | | Pure Oil | 58 | |
| Chrysler Corp. | 85 1/2 | | Radio Corp. of Am. | 15 1/2 | |
| Climax-Molybdenum Co. | 38 1/2 | | Reading Company, Com. | 25 1/2 | |
| Colts Patent Fire-Arms | 79 1/2 | | Reading Company, 1st pfd. | 48 1/2 | |
| Columbia Gas & Elec. | 52 | | Remington Arms Co., Inc. | 42 1/2 | |
| Columbia 8 1/2 "A" pf. | 87 1/2 | | Republic Aviation Corp. | 5 1/2 | |
| Commercial Credit Co. | 46 1/2 | | Republic Steel | 20 1/2 | |
| Com. & Southern (Ord.) | 1 1/2 | | Revere Cop. & Brass Inc. | 12 1/2 | |
| Consolidated Edison | 40 1/2 | | Reynold Tobacco "B" | 41 1/2 | |
| Consolidated Oil | 7 1/2 | | Richfield Oil | 5 1/2 | |
| Continental Can | 46 | | Safeway Stores | 11 1/2 | |
| Continental Oil | 23 1/2 | | Schenley Distillers | 84 1/2 | |
| Copperweld Steel | 17 | | Sears Roebuck | 10 1/2 | |
| Corn Products | 63 1/2 | | Shell Union Oil | 10 1/2 | |
| Curtiss Wright (C.) | 11 | | Socoy-Vacuum Oil | 11 1/2 | |
| Curtiss Wright "A" | 29 1/2 | | Southern Pacific | 12 1/2 | |
| Deere & Co. | 71 1/2 | | Southern Ry. 5 1/2 pfd. | 28 | |
| Distillers Corp. Seagrams | 18 1/2 | | Sperry | 44 1/2 | |
| Douglas Aircraft | 83 1/2 | | Spicer Manufacturing Co. | 33 | |
| Du Pont de Nemours | 18 1/2 | | Standard Brands | 7 | |
| Eagle Pitcher Lead | 11 1/2 | | Standard Gas & Elec. | 14 | |
| Eaton Mfg. Co. | 32 1/2 | | Standard Oil of California | 24 1/2 | |
| Elec. Autolite | 39 1/2 | | Standard Oil of N.J. | 43 1/2 | |
| Elec. Bond & Share | 5 1/2 | | Stone & Webster | 9 1/2 | |
| Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pf. | 64 1/2 | | Studebaker Com. | 11 1/2 | |
| Elec. Bond & Share 8 1/2 pf. | 64 1/2 | | Swift International | 31 1/2 | |
| Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pf. | 28 1/2 | | Technicolor | 15 1/2 | |
| Fisk Rubber | 16 1/2 | | Texas Corp. | 44 1/2 | |
| Flintkote | 19 1/2 | | Texas Gulf Sulphur | 33 1/2 | |
| Gen. American Trans. | 32 | | Timken-Axle | 23 1/2 | |
| Gen. Electric | 38 1/2 | | Trans-America Co. | 5 1/2 | |
| Gen. Motors | 53 1/2 | | 20th Cent. Fox | 11 1/2 | |
| Gen. Railway Signal | 17 1/2 | | 20th Cent. Fox, 5 1/2 pf. | 23 1/2 | |
| Gen. Tire & Rubber | 20 1/2 | | Union Carbide & Carbon | 95 | |
| Glidden Co. | 17 1/2 | | United Pacific | 95 | |
| Goodrich (B.F.) | 19 1/2 | | United Aircraft | 47 1/2 | |
| Goodrich 5 1/2 pf. | 59 | | United Airlines Trans. | 16 1/2 | |
| Goodyear Tire & Co. | 22 1/2 | | United Corp. | 24 | |
| Great Northern Iron Ore | 13 1/2 | | United Corp. 5 1/2 cum pf. | 38 1/2 | |
| Great Northern Ry. pfd. | 24 1/2 | | United Gas Corp. | 1 1/2 | |
| Great Western Sugar | 26 | | United Gas Improvement | 12 1/2 | |
| Greyhound Corp. | 16 1/2 | | U.S. Industrial Alcohol | 21 1/2 | |
| Hercules Powder Co. | 92 1/2 | | U.S. Rubber | 113 1/2 | |
| Homesite Mining | 50 1/2 | | U.S. Rubber 5 1/2 pfd. | 58 1/2 | |
| International Harvester | 53 1/2 | | U.S. Steel | 113 1/2 | |
| Int. Nickel | 35 1/2 | | Vanadium | 34 1/2 | |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. | 34 1/2 | | Walworth Co. | 5 1/2 | |
| Johns-Manville | 72 1/2 | | Warner Bros. Pict. | 3 1/2 | |
| J. & Laughlin Steel 7 1/2 pfd. | 59 1/2 | | Westinghouse Elec. | 112 1/2 | |
| Kennecott Copper | 37 1/2 | | Woodward Iron Cor. | 24 1/2 | |
| | | | Chase National Bank | — | |
| | | | National City Bank | — | |

DOW JONES AVERAGE

| 1939/40 | | | | Mar. 10, 1940 | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| High | Low | Dow Jones Average | Mar. 8 | High | Low | Close | Change |
| 155.93 | 121.41 | 80 Industrial | 148.07 | 148.14 | 147.84 | 148.14 | .07 up |
| 35.90 | 24.14 | 20 Rail | 30.87 | 30.80 | 30.52 | 30.58 | .04 off |
| 57.70 | 20.70 | 10 Utilities | 24.84 | 24.32 | 24.13 | 24.44 | .03 off |
| 92.28 | 24.51 | 40 Bonds | 24.84 | 24.44 | 24.13 | 24.30 | .06 up |
| 65.67 | 24.51 | 15 Commodity Index | 24.84 | 24.44 | 24.13 | 24.30 | .12 off |
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Mar. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 58 per cent.

Wind Direction, NNE

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature: maximum yesterday

64 F.

Temperature, minimum last night

62 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m.

today, 0.78 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st

2.32 ins.

Against an average of, 3.60 ins.

Sunset tonight 6.32 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.35 a.m.

4 p.m., March 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.

Temperature, 68 F.

Humidity, 50 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 69 F.

Minimum temperature, 62 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 12 to 18 Mar. 1940.

| HIGH WATER | | LOW WATER | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Days of Week | Date of Month | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height |
| Tues. | 12 | h.m. | h.m. |
| | | 11 00 | 5 9 |
| | | 23 31 | 5 5 |
| Wed. | 13 | 11 20 | 6 0 |
| | | 23 4 | 6 0 |
| Thur. | 14 | 11 50 | 6 0 |
| | | 11 50 | 6 0 |
| Fri. | 15 | 0 39 | 4 8 |
| | | 0 39 | 4 8 |
| Sat. | 16 | 01 08 | 4 1 |
| | | 12 14 | 6 9 |
| Sun. | 17 | 03 13 | 3 9 |
| | | 14 17 | 6 2 |
| Mon. | 18 | 05 30 | 3 8 |
| | | 15 36 | 6 4 |

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, by Charles Wood, will be rendered by the Combined Choirs in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Maundy Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m., and in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday, March 22, at 9 p.m.

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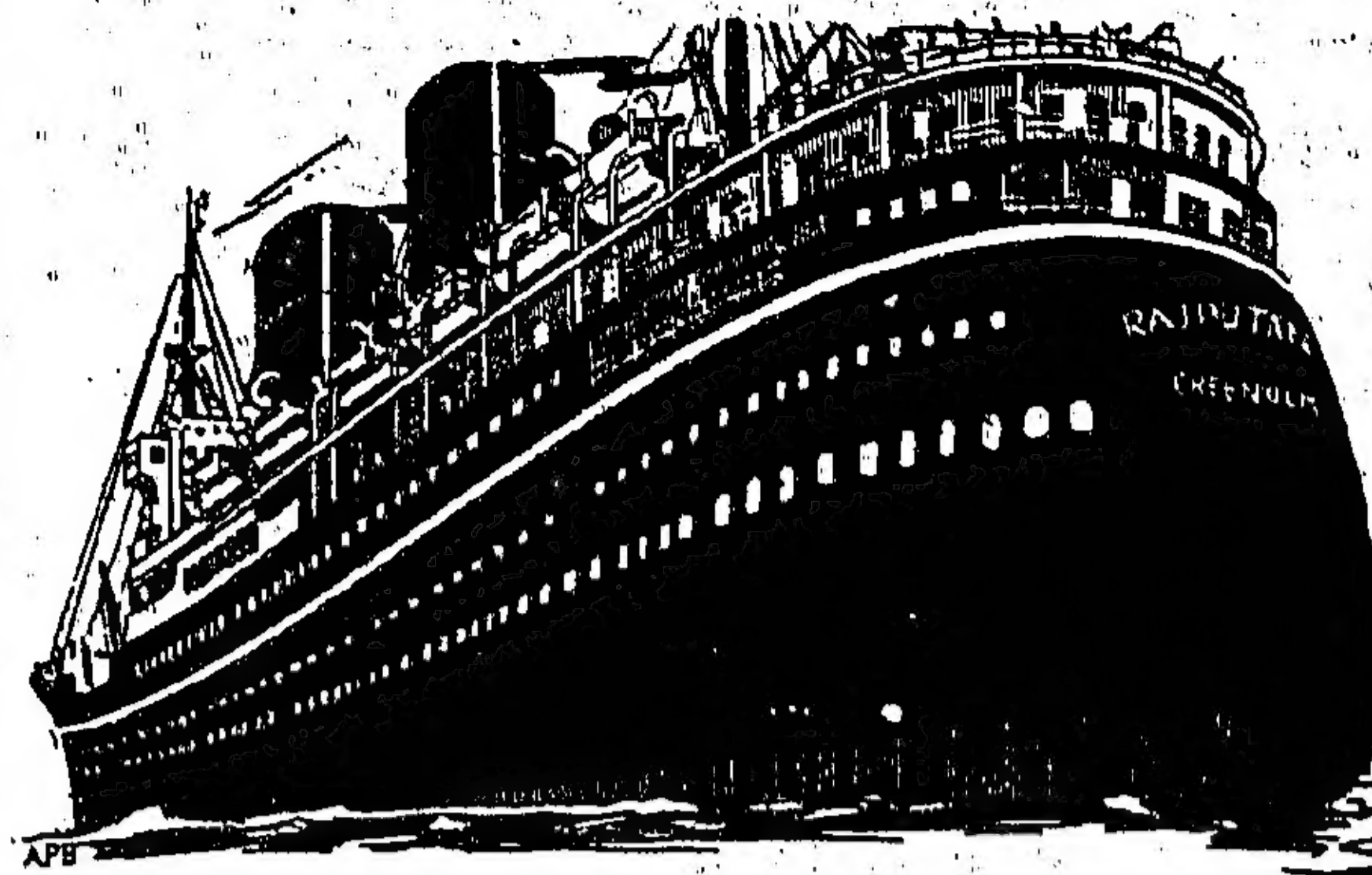
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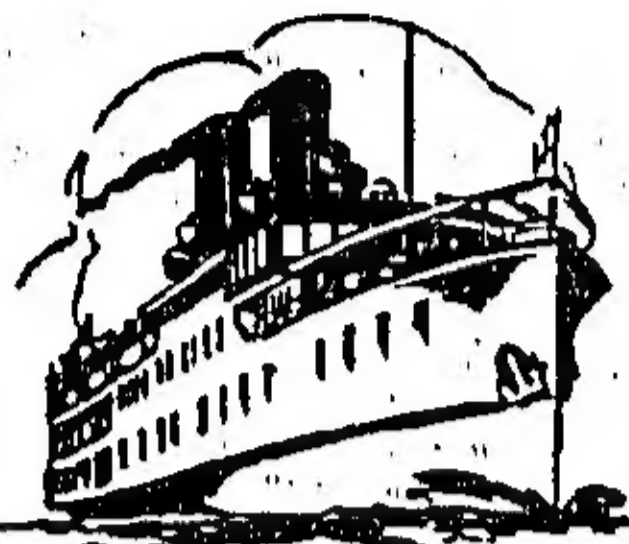
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FINNS HARD-PRESSED ON VIBORG FRONT: FURIOUS ATTACKS BY RUSSIANS

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Despite the peace negotiations, the Russians were pressing the Finns hard throughout the week-end, making furious attacks in many parts.

Soviet troops are desperately fighting to extend the foothold they have secured on the coast west of Viborg, but, according to last night's communique, all attempts on this front have hitherto been broken.

Fresh waves of troops, which tried to advance over the ice with sledges, were decimated by intensive Finnish air bombing.

HEAVY FIGHTING

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russians launched an attack along the shore near Uoma and there was heavy fighting at Kollanloki, where the Finns claim to have killed 2,000 Russians two days ago. Attacks on this front were repulsed.

SOVIET CLAIMS

MOSCOW, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A Soviet Communique claims the capture of the towns of Kappila and Ruhela on the west coast of Viborg bay and two islands in the Bay. The capture of Repola, north-east of Viborg is also claimed.

FINNISH ADMISSION

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reu-

ter).—A Finnish communique admits that the Russians attacking across the ice in Viborg Bay captured a few islands and adds that there have been several mass attacks east of Viborg.

The Soviet attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga were repulsed.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A Soviet communique claims the capture of the Island of Varsaari, in Viborg Bay, the town of northern Nisalahti, on the western shore of the Bay and the Island of Vuprasu, in Lake Ladoga.

BRITISH DENIAL

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—American reports that Britain asked Sweden to permit the passage of 80,000 troops for Finland are officially described here as entirely baseless.

FASTEST U.S. CURTISS PLANES FOR ALLIES

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald Tribune, the Army and Navy Munitions Export Control Board had decided to allow sale to the Allies of Curtiss planes, the United States Army's most recent and fastest 400 miles an hour pursuit.

The board refused to permit the sale of the Bell Air Cobra.

Traffic On The Danube

The German representatives at a conference of the chief Danubian shipping companies, which has just ended in Budapest, are reported to have achieved important results.

Rumanian, Yugoslav, Hungarian, Slovak, and German companies were represented, and as the decisions are reported to have been unanimous, it is felt that they can only have been in Germany's favour.

To control navigation on the Danube Germany has formed a pool called the Donau Lloyd, with which the Yugoslav and Rumanian companies are invited to associate themselves.

By means of interlocking directorships the Reichswerke Hermann Goering now controls four German or Austrian shipping companies and one Slovak, all in the pool. With this the Hungarian lines are closely linked, so that the Yugoslav and Rumanian companies were easy to outvote.

A recent article in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung explains that Germany regards this pool as the first step in reorganizing the traffic on the Danube.

£1413 BENEFIT FOR WELLARD

Six-hitting Arthur Wellard, of Somerset, has received £1413 as a result of his benefit last August.

This announcement will delight cricketers everywhere, for there is no more popular player than the Somerset bowler-batsman—though Somerset is only his adopted county, for previously he had been "turned down" by Kent.

A specialist in "sixes" Wellard holds the record, of twice, hitting five consecutive sixes in an over in matches at Wells.

Two years ago W. T. Luckes, the Somerset wicket-keeper, broke the Somerset benefit record with £1,180. Now Wellard leaves that figure far behind.

Money Orders For Military Notes: S'hai Postal Decision

SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The reported decision of Mr. A. M. Chaplain, Director of Posts, to sell postal and money orders against Japanese military notes has caused great indignation among the local Chinese community, says the Sin Wan Pao.

This step, it is reported, was taken at the suggestion of P. K. Kanazashi, Assistant Director of Posts, and postal and money orders may now be bought with military notes and sent to the occupied areas, including Hankow and Kukiang.

RIBBENTROP HAS BUSY MORNING

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, had a busy morning.

At 9 a.m. he was received by King Victor Emmanuel and remained for three-quarters of an hour.

At 11 a.m. he was received with traditional ceremony at Vatican City and was presented to His Holiness the Pope with whom he had a 20-minute conversation.

Later today he will have a second talk with Signor Mussolini. The press had little to say about the visit which it described as routine business.

NO SWASTIKA

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Contrary to custom, the Papal car which took Herr von Ribbentrop to the Vatican did not fly the visitor's national flag—the Swastika.

Herr von Ribbentrop is seeing Count Ciano this afternoon and afterwards he is to be received by Signor Mussolini. He is due to leave at 9.30 p.m.

INDIAN PRINCES WANT SAFEGUARDS FOR RIGHTS & INTERESTS OF STATES

RELATIONSHIP WITH CROWN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—While "the attainment by India of her due place among the Dominions" is welcomed in the draft resolution approved by the conference between Princes and Ministers in New Delhi, the need is urged, in any future constitution, for safeguards and guarantees for the preservation of the sovereignty and autonomy of the states.

NO DOMINATION

The resolution will be moved by Jam Sahib of Nawanagar at a session of the Chamber of Princes on Tuesday.

It declared that no unit should be placed in a position to dominate others or to interfere with the rights and safeguards guaranteed them.

It adds that any constitutional scheme involving the transference of the relationship of states with the Crown to any other authority, without the states' voluntary agreement, or permitting alterations affecting the interests of the states, without their consent, cannot be acceptable to them.

NAZIS TO EXPLOIT NICKEL MINES IN PETSAMO?

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Havas).—It is reliable learned that a group of German mining engineers have been ordered to proceed to an unknown destination, generally believed to be Petsamo. Several specialists belonging to the Deutsche Nickelwerke concern and the Frankensiemer Sillesia have been ordered to go to Petsamo, a few days ago.

The Soviet trade delegation at present in Berlin is expected to settle the question of the exploitation of the German technicians.

The Part Of Women In War Effort

The part of women in the war was described from the B.M.B.C., Singapore, in a broadcast talk by Mrs. A. H. Dickinson, wife of the Inspector General of Police. The speech was, in part, as follows:

One of the first great movements to be started in the war of 1914-18 was the Voluntary Aid Detachment, which was formed to supplement and release for foreign service St. John's Ambulance Corps and the Red Cross. The need eventually became so great that volunteers from the V. A. D. were called upon to go overseas.

AIR MENACE

As a result of the air menace a new and very interesting branch of the V. A. D. has arisen in London. It is the Port of London River Emergency Ambulance. This service patrols the River Thames in steamers which in happier days were used for pleasure excursions. Another innovation in the last war—again in being today—was an extremely spectacular movement. The Navy, Army and Air Force each formed a unit of women.

In the present war—as in the last—all canteens are staffed by women, many of them voluntary workers, supplied by the Women's Voluntary Services—yet another organisation devoted to the proper use of women-power.

Since the outbreak of war even the Metropolitan Police canteens in London have employed women, thus releasing men for real police duties. The police-woman—who has yet to make her appearance in the police forces of Malaya—does an immense amount of valuable work in the protection of women and girls at home.

FOREIGN MAILS

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| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th March | 17th Mar. |
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